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RESERVE ON ALL TIMBER LANDS

Provincial Government Takes
Action to Conserve Na-
tural Resources

ORDER PASSED YESTERDAY
Title Cannot Be Secured to
Timber Land Staked
Today

A reserve has been placed on all the unstaked timber of British Columbia by the provincial government. The order-in-council bringing this into effect was signed yesterday at a meeting of the provincial executive, though it has been under consideration for some time. The decision is in order that the forest wealth of the province may be conserved and to prevent timber being staked merely for speculative purposes. The action of the government will be hailed generally with approval. In all some 6,500,000 acres of timber land in the province have been staked and the revenue from this for the last fiscal year amounted to over \$1,275,000. Though the area of the total timber lands of the province is estimated at over 182,000,000 acres this is regarded as an excessive figure and at all events that which has been taken up is either the most accessible or the most valuable.

Does Not Insure Marketing

The mere staking of timber does not insure the marketing of the product immediately, as the licensee has 21 years in which to strip his lands. Many of the holdings have been purchased by speculators who leave it to themselves. It is thought that the new order-in-council will encourage the bona fide logger to purchase and manufacture the product, in this way ensuring a supply of lumber for the development which the province is undergoing and will undergo in the approaching years.

Any move to hold up the millmen can be met by the mere removal of the reserve, and the millmen of the province have already secured a large proportion of the timber now staked.

Premier's Statement

Premier McBride, when interviewed upon the announcement said that he felt satisfied that when the chief commissioner of lands and works presented his views to the people of British Columbia there would not be two opinions offered as to the wisdom of the move. The only end sought by the government was what was best in the public interest. They had demonstrated this in connection with the other resources of the province in the past. Their chief endeavor in the past had been that the resources of the produce should make a proper return to the provincial treasury. Despite the reckless charges of the government's political opponents, they have always been successfully answered and the government stands as it has always stood for the conservation of the natural resources of the Pacific province for the people of that province. He was satisfied that lumbermen as well as laymen would concur in the action of the government.

In view of the depletion of the timber resources of Eastern Canada as well as the Eastern and Southern States, the government had regarded their present move as advisable. Ample timber had been staked to supply the mills of the province for years to come.

Will Protect Forests

With regard to the question of forest protection, Premier McBride stated that the intention of the chief commissioner was to take the utmost precautions to have the forests as thoroughly protected as was possible.

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- 23—New York, Dec. 23.—The Maurentania broke loose from her moorings at the foot of west Thirteenth street during a light gale today and crashed into a small fleet of barges, scows and canal boats, one of which sank. Four hawsers running from the forward deck to the pier parted, and the big vessel's nose swung round to the north into the little craft. It happened so quickly that it was impossible for the smaller boats to get out of the way. The Maurentania was finally drawn back to her berth.

The decision of the government has been taken only after the most careful consideration. As previously announced in the Colonist, the chief commissioner has been in consultation for months past with the officials connected with the timber department.

With the richest timber resources in the world, British Columbia has hitherto had the most generous timber regulations prevailing anywhere. Revenue was necessary for the development of the province and out of the revenue which largely was derived from timber, the present government of British Columbia has placed the province financially upon its legs and the vast areas of timber as yet untouched by the timber merchant, speculator or otherwise is preserved for British Columbians.

Interested persons after considering the resolution of the executive express the belief that all stakings made prior to yesterday will not be affected by the action of the government. No title can be secured to timber staked today.

Green and Gaynor.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The supreme court of the United States today denied the petition for writs of certiorari to bring to that court the cases of Benjamin D. Greene and John F. Gaynor, who are under sentence to pay a fine of \$547,740 and to undergo terms of imprisonment of four years each on the charges of embezzlement and conspiracy in connection with the case of Capt. B. Oberlin to defraud the United States in connection with the harbor improvements at Savan-

TRAVELERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Northwestern Association
Elected Officers—Affairs in
Good Condition

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—At the annual meeting of the Northwest Commercial Travelers' association the following officers were elected: President, G. Wilson, acclamation; vice-president, A. S. Lock; treasurer, L. C. Macintyre, secretary, F. J. Cox; directors, J. E. McRobie (retiring president), E. Holden, D. J. Dyson, F. W. Adams, H. W. Lethbridge, A. E. Wayte, A. McAllister, E. W. Barrett, J. A. McTaggart, E. L. Thomas, J. M. Holland, J. Brockest, vice-president for Calgary, H. W. White; vice-president for Edmonton, F. M. Morgan; vice-president for Regina, Peter Cooper, acclamation; vice-president for Vancouver, L. D. Blyle, acclamation; director, C. P. Egan; vice-president for Victoria, H. Erb, acclamation; director, R. A. Creech; director for New Westminster, F. J. Lynch, acclamation; director for Kootenay, H. Wright, acclamation.

The mortality liability of the association now amounts to \$531,060, distributed as follows: Winnipeg members, \$346,940; British Columbia members, \$95,030; Calgary members, \$89,710; Regina members, \$8,800. To pay this the reserve now amounts to \$69,965.12, something over 13 per cent. This is also further secured by the general surplus, which amounts to 26 1/2 per cent. of the total mortality liability, a security unparalleled by any life insurance company.

The reports show the total membership is now 2,925, an increase for the year of 541 members, distributed as follows: Winnipeg, active, 1,778;

Winnipeg, honorary, 18; British Columbia, active, 596; British Columbia, honorary, 1; Calgary, active, 397; Regina, active, 193; life members, 2.

Automobile Military Corps.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The Russian war office has ordered the formation of a military automobile corps to be based on the German model.

Miners' Escape From Fire.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—It became known today that about 100 men were in the Schoellberger mine at Monongahela yesterday when fire broke out, and that all had narrow escapes from death. The mine is burning fiercely.

Killed by a Horse.

Lethbridge, Dec. 23.—Geo. Salmon, a fourteen-year-old boy, was killed at Raymond yesterday. A horse he was driving got tangled in the harness and in trying to release it, the animal fell upon him and caused almost instant death. The mother of the boy left for Utah a few days ago.

Shah Makes Concession.

Teheran, Dec. 23.—The president of the assembly today informed that body of the details of the declaration submitted to the assembly yesterday by the Shah, in which the ruler of Persia accepted the demands made upon him by the constitutional leaders.

Winnipeg Church Census.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Complete returns of the church census taken a month ago were announced today. After carefully examining the report, the estimate is that the city will have figures similar to the following on a basis of 100,000 population: Presbyterians, 18,000; Church of England, 17,000; Roman Catholic, 15,000; Methodists, 13,500; Baptists, 5,000; Hebrew, 5,000; Evangelical Lutheran, 7,000; Congregational, 3,200; Salvation Army, 1,000; various denominations, 7,300; no preference of any kind, 8,000.

Murder at Gretna.

Gretna, Man., Dec. 23.—A murder took place here this morning. Fred La Claire was found in the river with his head split open, and a sack was found on the river bank, in which the murderer or murderers had laid the body down the bank. Appearances indicate that there were two or more persons engaged in the murder, as the body was taken down the bank sideways. An axe found at the top of the bank, covered with blood, was the instrument used in killing the unfortunate. Two men are under suspicion, one a negro, who is teaming for Alex. Smith.

Edmonton Insurance.

Edmonton, Dec. 23.—Complaints are made in the city over the high insurance rates. Edmonton, with better fire protection than Calgary, pays \$1 base rate, while the southern city pays 75 cents base rate. Frank Birch, of Winsome, secretary of the Manitoba and Northwest fire underwriters, was expected in Edmonton to adjust the matter, but he never came, and business men are complaining.

Blaze in Red Deer.

Red Deer, Alta., Dec. 23.—A fire broke out about ten o'clock Saturday evening in the building owned by Rev. Dr. Rice, formerly principal of the Indian school, and occupied by A. B. Purdy as a furniture store, and the Dominion Meat Co. The fire originated in the furniture store and had gained considerable headway before the fire alarm was sounded. The stock of furniture is a complete loss and the Dominion Meat Co. suffered from water and smoke. It is understood that the insurance will not cover the entire loss.

Burial of Lord Kelvin.

London, Dec. 23.—Under the shadow of the monument to Sir Isaac Newton, and close to the choir in Westminster Abbey, the body of Lord Kelvin, the noted British scientist, who died on December 17, was buried at noon in presence of a great gathering of scientists, representing American and continental as well as British societies. King Edward and the Prince of Wales and other members of the royal family sent representatives.

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TRAGIC ENDING OF YOUNG LIFE

Son of Late Dr. Herald, of
Queen's University Com-
mits Suicide

GRIEF FOR FATHER'S DEATH

Mother and Sister Awaiting
His Coming Home for
Christmas

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—After brooding for two years over the death of his father, John Grafton Herald, a young medical student of Queen's university, Kingston, Ont., shot himself through the head in a room in the Stratcona hotel on Saturday night, and died a few hours later in the general hospital.

The deceased came to Winnipeg from Morris on Dec. 9, and registered at the Stratcona hotel, together with his chum, Lewis D. Lawson. They were assigned to room No. 52, on the second floor of the hotel, and have occupied the room since Dec. 9.

The deceased was the only son of the late Dr. John Herald, dean of the medical faculty of Kingston university, and was a student at the same institution. He had one more year to study until he could secure his degree of M.D., but was broken-hearted at the loss of his father.

He gave up his studies and came to the west in the endeavor to forget his troubles. He came to Winnipeg and obtained a clerkship in the city, but did not keep the position long, and left for Grandview, where he took a position on a ranch. From there he left for Morris, Man., where he went in for farming, and until December stayed in the farm.

A fire broke out in Morris, in which he lost all his belongings, and he came to Winnipeg with the intention of again taking a position in the city. His mother and sister, in the meantime, had been on a trip to Europe, and on their arrival home at Dundas, Ont., sent for him to come home at Christmas, which he intended to do.

He made up his mind to return to the university and finish his studies, and was to leave for the east last Monday.

He had all arrangements made, and had his bill at the hotel paid up to date.

STARTLING EXPLOSION AT POWDER WORKS

Two of Hamilton Powder Co.'s
Buildings Are Completely
Destroyed

Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—An explosion on Sunday morning at the Hamilton Powder company's works at Departure Bay completely destroyed two of the mixing buildings and did considerable damage around the works, twisting roofs into grotesque shapes, bulging out sash and doors and doing other damage.

The loss will be about \$20,000, and will be repaired within a month's time.

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VISITED VICTORIA
THIRTY YEARS AGO

George Primrose, the Veteran Minstrel, Tells About His First Impressions

To have seen Victoria grow from the town it was in '79 to the flourishing city it is today has been the experience of George Primrose, the veteran minstrel, who, in his 54th year, forty years of which have been spent upon the stage, entertained at the Victoria theatre last evening. Himself a Canadian and a British subject, Victoria, the farthest western city of Canada has occupied a peculiar position in his esteem, for he believes that it is not only the most beautiful city in Canada and possibly one of the most beautiful in the world, but he believes that it is also destined to be one of the greatest and most thriving centres on the Pacific coast.

"You must have been able to observe the growth of a city as I have done in the case of Victoria, to be able to appreciate the changes which have taken place," he observed to a reporter of the Colonist yesterday.

"It is nearly 30 years since I first came to this city. In the spring of '79 with the old minstrel company of Barlow, Wilson, Primrose and West, I came up from San Francisco and played what was then known as the water circuit. We knew nothing of Victoria in those days, and it was only when the manager of the San Francisco house at which we were playing guaranteed our expenses that we consented to come. On the steamer Ancon, since lost, we proceeded to Astoria and then from that point here. We played in a theatre, the name of which I have forgotten, but which stood not far from the site of the Victoria theatre today.

"There was a Driard hotel at that time also, and what stands out perhaps the most prominently in my memory of it was that we all sat down at one long table, the roasts were brought to it and carved in the Old English style."

The impressions that I carried away with me then, of the idyllic character of the country around Victoria, I have never forgotten. The climate, the scenery, everything pointed to its future success, and I was not alone in predicting at that time that it was to become one of the most populous centres of the Pacific coast. Today as we paraded down Johnson street and the harbor front, I pointed out to the boys what thirty years ago was virtually the city of Victoria. "My prophesies have been borne out fairly well in this instance. Everywhere I have grown accustomed to hearing Victoria spoken of as the most substantial of cities, one whose finances are on-the-solidest of bases and we can believe it. This is the first place we have reached in six weeks where we have not been tendered clearing house certificates, or millie tickets in exchange for the real money we passed out."

Continuing, Mr. Primrose referred to the changes in the profession in the forty years during which he has been before the public as an entertainer.

"Other shows come and go, but the minstrel show goes on for ever. There is good reason for that. The 'black face minstrel show' is the only type of amusement that is peculiarly American. Of late years these so-called musical comedies have somewhat cut into the business, but these are passing and it is only the elaborate productions that are now making a crowd. It is taking more than the sight of a few women in scanty clothing, prancing on and off the stage to attract the public today, and the show which has evolved from the old minstrel production is still in favor.

"I have danced for forty years and have never been ill. When I make that boast my wife says that I ought to touch wood. I believe, however, that my good health is due to my careful habits and the exercise which I daily take in the open air. Never an ache or pain and doing my turn nightly is a fair record after forty years."

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"Well, well!" laughed the other. "I see that all the old fools are not dead yet."

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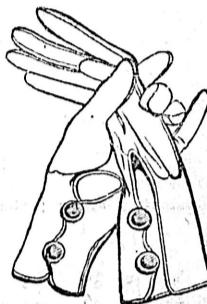
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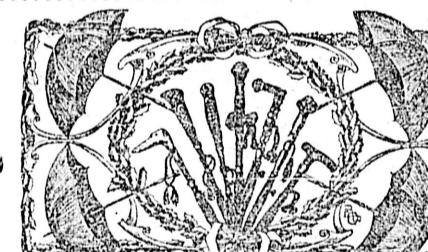
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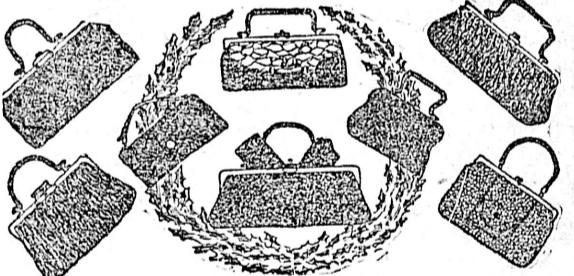


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A RESERVE ON TIMBER.

The action of the provincial government in withdrawing from the market all the unstaked timber lands in British Columbia will meet with general approval. For some time the ministry has had this step in contemplation, but the time has only recently seemed ripe to take it. The question was one concerning which good judgment had to be exercised.

While it was not desirable to allow all the timber land in the province to pass into the hands of licensees, it was wise to permit a sufficient area to be acquired in that way to ensure the province a substantial annual revenue. The Secretary of the British Columbia Timber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce told the Colonist that the area under license was something in the neighborhood of 6,500,000 acres. We have not been able to verify these figures as yet, but, assuming that they are a pretty close approximation they imply that the government will have an annual revenue from that source, amounting to something like \$1,500,000. That this is a fairly accurate estimate is shown by the fact that in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, the receipts from licenses amounted to \$1,275,000. There is every reason to believe that these licenses, or at least by far the greater part of them, will be kept in good standing under any circumstances. The government, having only placed a reserve on the lands, can throw the whole or any part of them open at any time business conditions make it necessary. We repeat the opinion that this action will meet with general approval, and it is another illustration of the business-like policy of the present administration.

ORIENTAL EXCLUSION.

In his speech at New Westminster

Mr. McBride expressed himself very

strongly and convincingly upon the

question of Oriental exclusion. We

are somewhat averse to troubling our

readers at Christmas time with the

discussion of grave matters, but as

each day brings up its own work, it is

necessary some time to do so. We

think the people of British Columbia

will very heartily endorse the position

which the Premier takes upon the ad-

mission of Asiatic labor, by which we

do not mean his opposition to it, for

we knew his view on this

point long ago, but his pres-

entation of the case as an

issue between Sir Wilfrid Laurier

and his government on the one hand,

and the people of British Columbia

on the other. We had hoped that there

would be no occasion for doing this.

We had hoped that the unanimity

among the people of this province

would find an echo at Ottawa, and

that the federal Premier would be

advised that a policy, which will leave

the country dependent upon the will

of any Oriental power as to the ex-

tent to which it shall be invaded by

coolie labor, will not be tolerated

here. We have endeavored in the

Colonist to approach this subject from

an Imperial point of view, and hence

have foreborne to make political cap-

ital out of it. We have no desire to

adopt the latter course now, but a

simple statement of the facts is the

most powerful arraignment of the

Liberal government that the most ar-

dent partisan could desire. This Mr.

McBride presented in his speech at

New Westminster, a synopsis of

which we printed on Sunday. To

his remarks it is not necessary to add

anything, except to say that they

place Sir Wilfrid Laurier in an atti-

tude before the people of this provi-

nce which neither he nor his sup-

porters can hope to justify.

We have before us a synopsis of the

speeches of Messrs. Smith, Sloan,

Macpherson, Ross and Kennedy, deliv-

ered in the House of Commons on

Mr. Smith's resolution, to the effect

that steps ought to be taken to re-

strict Oriental immigration. These

gentlemen seem to have confined

themselves chiefly to references to

the Japanese, although Mr. Macpherson

laid considerable stress upon the

menace of Hindu immigration. The

debate has been adjourned over the

holidays, and we have therefore to

wait to hear what Messrs. Temple-

man and Galt have to say, but re-

referring to those of our representa-

tives, who did speak, it is difficult to

see how they can continue their sup-

port to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, if his

utterance in his Russell Theatre

speech, wherein he is stated by the

Ottawa Free Press (Liberal) and the

Mall and Empire (Conservative) to

have sent a message to the people of

British Columbia to the effect that he "does not care" for our sentiments, is not absolutely withdrawn. The

British Columbia members know that

they dare not come back to this

province and undertake to defend, not simply the statement attributed to the federal Premier, which he might be able to explain away in some manner that would be satisfactory to partisans, but his whole policy in declining to ask the Dominion Parliament to provide for Asiatic exclusion and in refusing to permit British Columbia to exercise her constitutional right to do so. We trust that we do not show any lack of appreciation of the Imperial character of the question, when we decline to accept the suggestion that there may be reasons why Canada ought not to exclude Orientals, which do not apply to Natal, New Zealand and Australia. That we do not misrepresent the position in which the present members of the House of Commons will find themselves, if this question is not satisfactorily settled before the next general election, will abundantly appear from the following from the Vancouver World:

The only adequate remedy, as we have repeatedly said, is the Natal Act, and it is therefore, with great disappointment we learn that Sir Wilfrid Laurier from his place in the House has declared that the Japanese treaty stands in the way of the enacting of a Natal Act. We do not misrepresent our opinion to that of so eminent a statesman, but we suggest that it might be possible to pass a Natal Act from the operation of which the Japanese could be specifically excluded. Even, however, if this could not be done, why should not Sir Wilfrid take the Australian legislation for his model? This, we understand on the high authority of the London Times, would not be objectionable to Japan, and further, would apply to objectionable people of all nationalities, white or colored. British Columbia's position is a very desperate one indeed, with her ports open to hundreds of millions of Asiatics, if her only defense against an invasion of the colored races is Japan's check on her own people and the Chinese poll-tax.

Possibly we have said enough to keep Colonist readers abreast of the development of this exceedingly momentous issue, which we believe is in its importance far beyond any question now before the people of Canada. That Eastern Canadians do not fully appreciate its magnitude we can well believe, for even among ourselves there are some, who, while averse to Oriental immigration, do not fully comprehend how far-reaching its effects may be. The preservation of the western seaboard of the Dominion as a white man's country is essential to the integrity of the British Empire, and it seems not improbable that in the order of events the burden of maintaining this will be cast upon the Conservative party.

WHAT MAY BE DONE.

The throng of Christmas shoppers has been great, but it was made up chiefly of city people. There were, of course, a number of people from the country districts, but they were not numerically strong enough to affect the general character of the crowds. Nearly all the faces one saw in a round of the shops were the same as are seen from day to day on the streets. No one remarked that there were a great many country people in town. The reason for this is a very simple one. It is that there are not many country people to come in. Hence it is that we miss one feature of Christmas trade, that is so characteristic of cities in other parts of Canada. There are no throngs of teams with loads of produce to supply the needs of the town, no throngs of men, women and children who are making the Christmas season a prolonged holiday. If we could have something of the kind, Victoria would be very greatly the better for it. We cannot expect to have sleighs loaded with turkeys, geese, beef, pork and all the other et ceteras, which go to make up a farmer's Christmas load, for the self-evident reason that we have no sleighs or snow to run them on; but we might have hundreds of country people where now there are scores, and we might have thousands of dollars' worth of reasonable produce to take the place of the vast quantity that is brought in from abroad. Towards securing such a desirable consummation the efforts of the people of Victoria ought to be directed. We have already demonstrated in these columns, and therefore need not repeat the calculation now, that if a line were drawn from the head of Fishtown Inlet to Sooke, there would lie to the eastward of it and of the Inlet including Saanich Arm, on Vancouver Island, a area, which if cut up into small holdings, would support an agricultural population of 50,000 people. We do not mean that all these people would be actually engaged in the cultivation of the soil, but that the farmers and their families and the artisans and workmen necessitated by their presence would total at least 50,000 people. Just think for a minute what this would mean for Victoria.

This will seem a little hackneyed to Colonist readers, but it is only by reiteration that important truths can be driven home. Whatever else there may be in the future of Victoria, one thing is assured, namely, that it will be surrounded on all sides except that which looks out over the sea by small farms, highly tilled. This will not come about in a year or in five, but we venture the prediction that what will be accomplished in that direction in the course of a decade will surprise even the most optimistic. We will have a fruit growing area, cut up into small holdings, with comfortable homes, having quick access to the city by electric

cars, so that the resident of Sidney will not be further out of town, and be able to get in and out much more conveniently, than the present resident of the Mount Tolmie section. This is the sort of thing that is coming, and when it comes, we will have the finest community in the world and we are not far from having that now.

We will have thousands of people, who will be independent, because they will live on their own land and will not have to work too hard to produce what everybody wants. This is a basis of prosperity that is peculiarly our own. No other part of the world is just like Victoria, and its surroundings, and no possible combination of circumstances can take our advantages in this respect away from us. The time is fast coming when the people, who will live all along the road from Royal Oak to North Saanich, will think no more of coming to town to see a play in the theatre, and going home in time for a late supper than the people of Esquimalt do now.

THE U. S. NAVY

The United States navy had hardly got out of sight of land, when a sensation was created by the appearance of an article in McClure's Magazine over the signature of an expert, who has gone on the voyage with the Admiral. In which it is stated that the fleet is really only good to look at and of no better value for fighting purposes than the Russian ships which Admiral Togo sent to Davy Jones locker one fine day off the coast of Japan. He says that the vessels are vulnerable in vital places, because the armor is not properly distributed, that the guns cannot be used in a heavy sea, that the gunners are without adequate protection, that the ammunition hoists are the laughing stock of people who know what is really needed, and that the plans according to which the fleet would be used in case of hostilities is obsolete. Altogether it is a pretty doleful picture. Of course, there is a great outcry over it. One retired Admiral says the criticism is just and that every one knows it. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy says that the criticisms are directed only to points upon which there may be differences of opinion, while another admiral denies that they are worthy of the slightest consideration. That is where the matter stands. We understand that there is no difference of opinion as to the quality of the cigars and cigarettes that were taken aboard for the use of the hardy seadogs, who wear Uncle Sam's uniform, although a very large proportion of them are not his children. We also believe that there is little doubt as to the efficiency of the baseball teams of the several vessels. The publication of the article referred to suggests that the President had some reason in the bottom of his soul for objecting to the fleet being referred to as the Armada.

On the principle that it is possible for a man to hit himself by his bootstraps, the United States is asked to endeavor to regain its position as a great maritime nation by huge subsidies.

Dr. Eaton, Superintendent of the city schools, has improved sufficiently in health to be able to contemplate a trip to a more southerly latitude, and the school board have granted him a six months' holiday. Dr. Eaton has been a very industrious and successful officer, and the citizens will be very glad to hear of his early restoration to full health.

This is the last day on which you will be able to take the necessary steps to see that no unfortunate people in Victoria, and there are a few of them, will be obliged to spend Christmas without anything to brighten the occasion. Don't wait until after you had your Christmas dinner tomorrow before expressing your sympathy with the poor.

Mr. Herbert Phipps in his letter to us this morning expresses the opinions of a very great many people, we think of the majority of the people of Victoria. He tells about a load of lumber being stuck in a mud hole on Broad street. Yesterday a load of wood was stuck in a hole on Douglas street. But it is all right. The citizens are getting exactly what they bargained for.

Count Von Hammerstein, who has been spending a season exploring the country drained by the Athabasca, has returned, and says that the resources of the country are illimitable. "The possibilities of the country are not yet dreamed of," he added in a conversation with a interviewer at Edmonton. A few years ago most Canadians looked upon that part of the Dominion as of no practical use for any valuable purposes except for hunting.

There will be universal approval at the action of Mr. Bruce Walker, superintendent of Canadian immigration, in taking legal steps against London looking agents who, through misleading advertisements, are endeavoring to induce mechanics and other artisans to emigrate to Canada. It is an anomaly also in a recent London cable that the Central Unemployed Agency and other bodies have stopped emigration to Canada. It seems quite clear that until the situation in the United States brightens, there will be an abundance of labor to satisfy Canadian demands, and in view of this it would certainly be unwise to allow agents in Europe to continue their efforts of inducing large bodies of men to come to this country. —Montreal Star.

Mr. Brodeur's explanations of the reason why the motor life-boat was procured in the United States may possibly be reasonable. Substantially they are that while there are Canadian firms, which build excellent life-boats, none of them is in a position to turn out such a craft as has been procured and it would have been impossible to have got the work done soon enough by a Canadian firm. This, as we have said, seems sufficient, but if lack of time was the only reason for not placing the work here, it is not a good one, for it has been known for a long while that such a boat was needed. We suppose the real explanation of the matter is that the department did not realize that the boat was necessary, until it was too late to give Canadian builders a chance to get ready for such work, although it may be that the demand for boats of that class is not sufficient in Canada to justify any factory in employing the workmen or keeping the stock needed.

On Saturday the chaplain of the Oklahoma legislature prayed that Mr. Bryan might be the next president of the United States. Possibly Mr. Bryan, in respect to this, feels very much as did the old prospector, who, crossing a mountain stream on a narrow log with a pack on his back, was suddenly confronted by a big bear coming towards him. He could not turn and retreat, so he decided to pray. He had not prayed for some considerable period, and when he had repeated "Oh, Lord help me," several times, and felt that this was hardly specific enough for the occasion, he wound up with "Oh, Lord help me; and if you can't help me, don't help the bear, and you'll see the greatest fight here you ever saw in your life." This incident in the Oklahoma legislature recalls to mind another little story. It is said that the late Sir John A. Macdonald was one day canvassing a man whom he wanted very much to vote for him. The man was a devout Christian, and after Sir John had spent about an hour explaining to him the excellencies of the Conservative policy, the latter said: "See here, Sir John, I like you very much, and I do wish I could vote for you, but I can't. The fact of the matter is, I am pledged to support your opponent, and I can't break my word." Sir John was visibly crestfallen. Observing this, the man continued: "Sir John, I'll tell you what I'll do for you. I'll pray for you." "Very kind of you, I am sure," replied Sir John; and then he remained in deep thought. Shortly, he turned again to the man, and said: "I've been thinking over that proposition of yours. And if it's all the same to you, I wish you could see your way clear to vote for me and pray for the other fellow."

Spirit of the Press

Mind and Matter.

Joe Kelley, who managed the Toronto baseball team successfully last year, is to get \$6,000 next season for managing the Boston team. There is a glutted market of university professors at from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per year. —Calgary News.

Good Advice.

Every citizen who conscientiously speaks well of the trade conditions is a promoter of his country's welfare and it is almost equally true that every citizen who speaks ill of the trade conditions, though conscientiously, is a detractor from his country's welfare. It would therefore be patriotic, as well as sensible, just now if everybody were to act on the rule to say nothing about trade or the times except what is cheering. —Mall and Empire.

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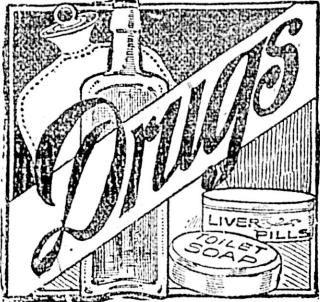
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Failure to Properly Advertise the Sitting Means Considerable Delay

The court of revision on the civil voters' lists which should have assembled on Saturday last, but which owing to the fact that the meeting had not been advertised for the full five days as the Municipal Elections act provides, was adjourned, will assemble on January 3 next. That is the earliest date on which, according to opinion expressed by the city barrister, the court can meet to consider applications to add to or strike names from the list.

The matter was brought up at last night's meeting of the city council when the following letter from the city barrister was read:

December 23, 1907.

Dear Sir.—Regarding the sitting of the Court of Revision, in view of the omission to advertise the sitting of the court for five consecutive days prior to the day appointed for sitting, namely, the 23rd inst., it will be necessary to give fresh notice, namely, 10 days notice of the sitting to be posted on the usual bulletin board at the city hall and 5 days advertisement in some city newspaper. Abandon present proceedings entirely. In order to comply with the time limits of 10 days and 5 days, the earliest date on which the court may sit will be January 3, that is if the notice is posted in the city hall today. The principal upon which the matter proceeded today was the old one that where a statute imposes a duty upon a public body of performing a public act at a particular time, the mere omission to perform such act at such time does not prevent individuals affected from obtaining relief and having the public body ordered to perform same, notwithstanding expiration of the time fixed by the statute for such performance.

The order of Mr. Justice Irving fixing upon January 3 as the date for the sitting of the court of revision was also read. Application was made to Mr. Justice Irving yesterday morning by Mr. F. A. Solitario and the order was made.

Ald. Fell asked if there was any explanation why this delay occurred, and when it had been instructed to bring the matter to the courts.

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NEWS OF THE CITY

Another Likely Candidate

W. Worthington is likely to be a candidate for the position of alderman to represent Ward 1 at the approaching municipal elections.

Contract is Let

The contract for the schoolhouse at Lynn Valley has been let to F. P. Rogers. His tender of \$1,525 was accepted. The contract has been sent up and will be signed at once.

Returns From Chemainus

His Lordship Bishop Perrin returned yesterday from Chemainus. At that place on Sunday he instituted the Rev. W. Barton and administered the rite of confirmation.

Drug Stores Close Christmas

All the drug stores of the city will close on Christmas day at one o'clock in the afternoon and remain closed for the rest of the day. Urgent medicines may be obtained by telephoning the residences of the various drugists.

Special Music

Special Christmas music was rendered on Sunday morning by the choir of the Centennial Methodist church. Miss B. Deaville sang "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." At the service in the evening, W. J. Dowler sang a solo "Christmas Morn." Pretty decorations of holly, laurel and carnations were placed around the church.

Children Celebrate

The annual Sunday school entertainment of the Centennial Methodist church will be held next Friday evening. The children will give a cantata, entitled: "The Glorious Song of Old," and there will also be a number of other children's contributions. After the entertainment there will be a Christmas tree for the children in the schoolroom of the church.

Addresses Local Hindus

A special meeting of Victoria Hindus was held at 2833 Douglas street in connection with the 57th anniversary of the Shivi Dev Guru Bhagwan, the venerable founder and president of the Dev Samaj. A few verses from the scriptures were read and expounded to the audience by G. D. Kumar. The latter explained that speaking the truth and association with the truthful was necessary to attain to the position of "Dharmi." At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Government and Ideals

"Government and Ideals" was the subject of an address at the Victoria West Methodist church on Sunday evening last. An intelligent grasp of the ideal and faithful service in carrying it out was what was required by the rulers of this country, the people. They had to exercise their rule through the ballot box. The speaker referred in abstract terms to Victoria and to the approaching municipal elections. At the close, one half of the congregation remained to discuss the problems of the present day.

Gift Suggestions for a Lady.—Kid Gloves, Fancy Handkerchiefs, Belts, Purse Bags, Pincushions and Cushion Tops, Artistic Combs, Pretty Neckwear, Useful Umbrellas, Fancy and Silk Hosiery, Golf Jerseys, Dainty Lingeries, Dress Skirts and Boots. Call and see our large assortment for Christmas presents. Prices the lowest and qualities the best. Robinson's Cash Store, 86 Yates street.

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TELEGRAPH WIRES DOWN
 Yesterday evening's storm played havoc with the telegraph wires between this city and the mainland, with the result that no messages, press or commercial came over the wires last night. The Colonist is therefore without the usual amount of telegraphic news this morning.

PROF. BURWASH TO LECTURE.

Next Saturday evening Prof. Burwash, of Columbia university, will lecture at the weekly "pop" in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium. The lecture will be illustrated with about fifty excellent night views. Prof. Burwash is coming to the city for a visit during the holidays.

FINDS QUARTZ VEIN

John Bentley has recently returned from Sooke Lake district, and reports having found a quartz vein varying from two to four feet in width and carrying free gold. This vein crosses the formation and in this respect varies from all other veins in that district as they run parallel with the formation. The footwall of the vein is serpentine and the hanging wall slate and it looks exceedingly promising. On this vein he has located the "Gold Jack" mineral claim. Mr. Bentley expects to start active development of the property early in the New Year.

Victoria Musical Society's Concerts.

Season tickets have been mailed to those members who have paid the subscription. Those who have not yet paid can obtain their season tickets by forwarding cheques to, or calling upon, the honorary secretary of the Victoria Musical society, Stewart Williams, at his office on Fort street. Kubell is creating a tremendous amount of enthusiasm in New York and other Eastern cities. The theatres there, large as they are, cannot accommodate the immense crowds who apply for admission. He will be heard in Victoria on January 3.

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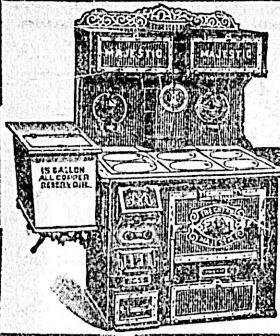
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SUPREMACY OF THIS PROVINCE'S FRUIT

List of Awards at the Famous Fruit Show in England Are Received

The full list of awards made at the exhibition of colonial grown fruits and vegetables, colonial preserves and bottled and preserved fruits and vegetables of "At Home" given by the Royal Horticultural Society at Victoria Square, Westminster, London, S. W., has been received by Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance and agriculture.

British Columbia heads the list, having won the society's gold medal and British Columbia exhibitors are to the fore in all the awards. Ontario and Nova Scotia were awarded silver medals for their exhibits.

The following is the full prize list:

Gold Medal.

The Government of the Province of British Columbia (agent general, Hon. J. H. Turner, Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus, London, E. C.) for a collection of apples and pears.

The West Indian Produce Association, Limited (manager, C. A. Phillip, 4 Fenchurch Buildings, London, E. C.) for colonial-grown fruits and vegetables, colonial preserves, etc.

The West Indian Committee (secretary, Algernon E. Aspinall, 15 Seething Lane, London, E. C.) for citrus fruits, colonial preserves, etc., contributed by Grenada, Jamaica and Trinidad.

Silver-Gilt Lindley Medal.

The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, 18 Moorgate Street, London, E. C., for colonial-grown fruits and vegetables and colonial preserves.

Silver-Gilt Knightian Medal.

The Government of Nova Scotia (agent general, John Howard, 57a Pall Mall, London, S. W.) for a collection of apples.

Silver-Gilt Banksian Medal.

T. G. Earl, Lytton, British Columbia, for apples.

S. R. Blanchard, Nova Scotia, for apples.

F. A. Parker, Berwick, Nova Scotia, for apples.

Silver Knightian Medal.

The Department of Agriculture, Ontario, Canada, for a collection of apples and pears, contributed by the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario.

The Nelson Fruit Growers' Association, Nelson, British Columbia, for apples.

Stirling & Pitcairn, Kelowna, British Columbia, for apples.

Mrs. J. Smith, Spences Bridge, British Columbia, for apples.

J. R. Brown, Summerland, British Columbia, for apples.

A. L. Morse, Berwick, Nova Scotia, for apples.

R. J. Messenger, Tupperville, Nova Scotia, for apples.

L. A. Kinsman, Lakeville, Nova Scotia, for apples.

J. E. Smith, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, for apples.

Silver Banksian Medal.

Oscar Brown & Co., Vernon, British Columbia, for apples.

A. Unsworth, Chilliwack, British Columbia, for apples.

The Kashi Fruit Growers' Association, Kaslo, British Columbia, for apples.

E. E. Archibald, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, for apples.

T. W. Foster, North Kingston, Nova Scotia, for apples.

F. C. Johnson, Bridgetown, Nova Scotia, for apples.

W. Woodward, Nova Scotia, for apples.

Jackson & Co., 172 Piccadilly, London, W., for Cape preserves, including jams, tinned and bottled fruits.

Bronze Knightian Medal.

A. C. Starr, Starrs Point, Nova Scotia, for apples.

J. A. Ritchie, Summerland, British Columbia, for apples.

Grand Forks District, Grand Forks, British Columbia, for apples.

F. R. Gartrell, Summerland, British Columbia, for apples.

Salmon Arm Farmers' Exchange, Salmon Arm, British Columbia, for apples.

Bronze Banksian Medal.

The committee of St. Helena (secretary, A. G. Wise, Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S. W.) for jams.

H. Hamel Smith, 112 Fenchurch Street, E. C., for Cacao beans.

A. H. Evans, 72 Victoria Street, London, S. W., for Cape preserves.

Home Bottled Fruits and Vegetables

Class 1—Home bottled fruits (open). This exhibit must not occupy a space greater than 10 feet by 3 feet. All must be British grown and British prepared.

First—Silver Knightian medal, W. Poupart, Jr., Erleigh, Belmont Road, Wickenden.

Second—Silver Banksian medal, W. Miles & Co., 16 Church Road, Hove.

Third—Bronze Knightian medal, Horticultural College, Swainley.

Class 2—Eighteen bottles of British grown fruits (including six different kinds at least) bottled and shown by exhibitors who do not sell their produce, or in any way work for the trade.

First—Silver Knightian medal, W. Poupart, Jr., Erleigh, Belmont Road, Wickenden.

Second—Silver Banksian medal, W. Miles & Co., 16 Church Road, Hove.

Third—Bronze Knightian medal, Horticultural College, Swainley.

Class 3—Eighteen bottles of British grown fruits (including six different kinds at least) bottled and shown by exhibitors who do not sell their produce, or in any way work for the trade.

First—Silver Knightian medal, W. Poupart, Jr., Erleigh, Belmont Road, Wickenden.

Second—Silver Banksian medal, W. Miles & Co., 16 Church Road, Hove.

Third—Bronze Knightian medal, Horticultural College, Swainley.

Class 4—Home dried or evaporated fruits (no entries).

First—Silver Knightian medal, W. Poupart, Jr., Erleigh, Belmont Road, Wickenden.

Second—Silver Banksian medal, W. Miles & Co., 16 Church Road, Hove.

Third—Bronze Knightian medal, Horticultural College, Swainley.

Class 5—Home preserved vegetables (bottled or dried). Silver-gilt Knightian medal, Messrs. McDoddles, Sharswell Works, Kennington, S. E.

Class 6—Home-bottled vegetables (amateurs) 8 bottles, including four different kinds at least.

First—Silver Knightian medal, W. Poupart, Jr., Erleigh, Belmont Road, Wickenden.

Second—Silver Banksian medal, W. Miles & Co., 16 Church Road, Hove.

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Class 7—Home tinned vegetables (open), no entries.

Class 8—Foreign bottled fruits, jams, etc., no entries.

Miscellaneous Exhibits

Silver-Gilt Knightian Medal—To Messrs. Wilkin & Sons, Limited, Tipperary, Essex, for bottled fruits.

Silver Knightian Medal—To Messrs.

COSTS GOOD MONEY TO DISTURB A MEETING

Samuel Cole Fined Twenty-five Dollars for Abusing Salvationists

Samuel Cole was one of the star performers at the police court yesterday morning. He collected a fine of twenty-five dollars, and in default a term of one month's imprisonment for having interrupted a meeting of the Salvation army on Saturday evening with obscene and blasphemous language. It was also stated in evidence that he had assaulted one of the evangelists.

Capt. Travis, of the Salvation army, who laid the information, testified that the accused on the occasion in question appeared at the open-air meeting they were holding on Saturday evening at the corner of Yates and Government streets, and abused the members of the army individually and collectively in unprintable terms, asking what they were going to do with eight hundred immigrants the army has been stated to have arranged to bring out here next spring.

In response to a question put by the accused, he denied he had called him a bum, who had never earned a dollar in his life.

William Burden, who said he was also a member of the army, and had been present at the Saturday evening meeting, swore that the man used the language complained of, and upon being told that that was not the place to discuss the question of immigration, struck the witness four times upon the back and chest.

Herbert Davies, another member of the Salvation army, gave corroborative evidence.

In his own defense Cole, who is a man of respectable appearance, stated that he was called a bum and a stiff who had never earned a dollar in his life, and that made him angry. He further said he was under the influence of liquor at the time or he would never have used the language quoted.

Magistrate Jay in imposing a fine of \$25 payable forthwith, or in default thirty days in jail, said it was a most serious offense to break up a meeting of that kind in the way described.

The annual distribution of prizes takes place privately—List of the Winners

EXAMINATION RESULTS AT POPLARS SCHOOL

Annual Distribution of Prizes Takes Place Privately—List of the Winners

The annual distribution of prizes at the Poplars, Burdett Avenue, day school for girls, took place on Friday last privately, the entertainment by the pupils being always held at the close of the summer term. The following girls were recipients:

Senior class, Olive Day; scripture, 92 per cent; English (inclusive of history, composition and spelling) 86 per cent.

Second class, Florence Smith headed the examination list, obtaining the prize for French, with 79 per cent; Grace Robertson, writing 80 per cent; arithmetic 80 per cent; Doris Worsfold, literature 80 per cent; Armine Pemberton, spelling and dictation 87 per cent.

The examination list in the third class was headed by Vivienne Charlton, who obtained the English prize, with 92 per cent; Margaret Hollyer, geography 85 per cent, writing 80 per cent; Hilda Fleming, arithmetic 86 per cent.

The following pupils, though not leading in special subjects, were all awarded prizes for general improvement and very satisfactory work: Kitty Smith, Gundrid Rebbeck, Phillip Pemberton, Isabella Elliott, Meta Bowker.

The good conduct prize was awarded to Margaret Macdowell.

Owing to illness, Charity Rocafort (senior class) was prevented from taking the examinations.

The following special prizes were awarded by Miss Archibald: Olive Day, 1st, a French elocution prize; Margaret Macdowell, music prize; Carmen Macdowell, improvement in music and elocution; Isabel Fox, improvement in elocution.

The "Noblesse Oblige" badge, voted by the girls themselves, was obtained by Olive Day.

Miss Messenger will reopen her school on January 6 at 9:30 a. m.

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In Woman's Realm

no longer do so, but trust that the time has arrived when for a season at least, men are brothers.

The programme at the W. C. T. U. mission on Saturday night was rendered by members of the Calvary Baptist church. Mr. Dinsmore was chairman and a pleasant time was spent listening to the songs and recitations. The following ladies and gentlemen took part:

Solo, Miss Freeman; recitation, Mr. Henderson; cornet solo, Mr. Kerton; recitation, Miss Mary Freeman; duet, Misses Englands; piano solo, Dr. Russell; duet, Misses Andrew; recitation, Mr. Henderson.

HERE AND THERE

There is a good deal said sometimes about the coldness of the world and the hardness of men's hearts. There are no doubt cruel men and women to be found in every community. Yet if we sit down and ask ourselves how many people of our acquaintance would deliberately and willfully injure another, we will be surprised at how few there are whom we can even suspect of such conduct.

On the other hand, when for any reason, we have been forced to throw ourselves on the charity of our fellow men or women, how seldom have we been refused the help needed or the forgiveness sought?

It is well that we should sometimes recognize the love with which the vast majority of the hearts of our fellow beings are filled and which displays itself in numberless acts of kindness.

Everywhere in the stores little groups are consulting together as to whether this or that present will suit the person for whom it is intended. The number of young men and boys who were among the Christmas buyers was very noticeable. Children, too, were out looking for presents for fathers or mothers, brothers or sisters and their little airs of secrecy were very pretty to see.

The book stores and book counters were very popular late in the evening. One wonders sometimes whether all the good books that are sold at Christmas time are read. The volumes are not only beautifully bound but no famous English author is unrepresented, while there are many books which are usually only found in the libraries of those who have a high appreciation of the best of literature.

WOMEN'S WORK

All the Women's societies were busy yesterday preparing for Christmas. At the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital the Daughters of the City were decorating the wards and corridors with evergreens, adding branches of holly and other berries and touches of color where they would be most effective. In the private rooms friends will surround their dear ones with such tokens of their love as they are able to bear, while the stranger will not be allowed to feel the want of those little comforts and attentions which thoughtful kindness can supply.

There is to be a Christmas tree for the children, and today and tomorrow the ladies will be busy preparing it. It is hoped they will have no difficulty in getting all the materials necessary for this as well as for the decorations.

At the Protestant Orphanage this year there has been sickness, and on Christmas day the big family will have no guests. There has been one death from diphtheria and two little patients are in the Isolation hospital, while the home itself is in quarantine. The matron assures us, however, that there is no danger that Santa Claus will forget the children there. By the side of the little white beds the stockings will be hung up and there is no danger of any of them being empty in the morning. In the big schoolroom the children will be able to spend the day playing with their toys without danger of breaking windows or damaging the furniture. It is hoped that dolls, and books, balls and tops and other toys will be just a little more plentiful than last year to compensate the children for their loneliness, and that the big dinner tables will groan under an extra supply of all the good things boys and girls love. When everybody is quite well again the annual Christmas tree will be held as usual.

There will be a happy little dinner party at noon in the rooms of the Young Woman's Christian Association. That it is a small party is owing to the hospitality of Victorian's in whose homes most of the girls belonging to the association will spend the holiday.

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The old ladies of the Home for the Aged and Infirm will not be forgotten by any of their friends, and a dinner from which no suitable delicacy will be wanting will be generously provided.

No doubt, many of the inmates will be remembered individually by the friends of former days, who realize that age has special claims for kindly consideration at this season.

Kind people have remembered Mrs. Flett and those under her charge at the W. C. T. U. home, and nothing which they can provide will be wanting to make Christmas day a happy one for the inmates who are the object of loving care which is of the very spirit of the Founder of Christianity.

It was very pleasant to learn from Mrs. Turner, that though there are a great many more young women in the city than was the case some time ago, no one who is in the least worthy is idle. Many mothers of families, as their husbands cannot obtain employment, while housekeepers are glad of their services. The money they then get, while not equal to the wages men could earn, if there is work to be had, is sufficient to keep the wolf from the door. With the change of the season, most of these men will obtain work on the land or elsewhere. In the meantime their wives are thankful to be able to support the family, however humbly.

The Friendly Help society has been

as has been shown, able to relieve the wants of those whom its members knew to be in need of help.

The Christmas season will find no

one in Victoria who has trusted to the kindness of their fellow men or women, destitute. If, when hearts are overflowing with kindness there are any foolish as to conceal their temporary need, it is hoped they will

no longer do so, but trust that the time has arrived when for a season at least, men are brothers.

PERSONAL MENTION

The Colonist readers are asked to assist in making this personal column as complete as possible. Send or phone items to the city editor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Conduit, who have been in the north hunting, leave today by the Northern Pacific for Los Angeles and Tampico, Mexico. From Tampico they will go to Buenos Ayres on a hunting trip.

W. A. Lendrum leaves today by the Northern Pacific on a visit to Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stuart Yates left yesterday for Portland, Ore., to spend the Christmas holidays.

James Parsons leaves today by the North Coast Limited for Anoka, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Denham left this morning by the Princess Victoria for Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays.

H. H. Jones has been confined to his home with injuries of a painful nature.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. S. Scholefield have left for the mainland where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

J. A. Irvine has left for the Mainland for the holidays.

Major Bognall left this morning by the Princess Victoria for Vancouver to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Myer left for Vancouver on the Princess Victoria this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bostock have gone over to the mainland for the Christmas season.

Miss Meredith, Miss White, Miss Sturgess, Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Bourke, Miss Hanle left on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver this morning.

S. G. Faulkner, H. P. McHugh, W. J. Watson, D. Sturges, F. Dobson, D. E. Carman, J. A. McLeod, M. Taylor, J. Hay, H. Briggs, R. S. Reid, S. S. Rankin, W. H. Dunbar, J. W. Ashley, T. W. Harris, M. Williams, C. W. Brandon, S. Stratton and E. W. Braithwaite on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver this morning.

B. G. Walker of Grand Prairie, is spending the Christmas holidays with his brother P. Desnoe Walker at "The Shack," Dallas road.

Charles Grain, of the 150-Mile house, is spending the Christmas holidays in Victoria.

A. L. Dewar, who is connected with the organization of the projected Chartered Bank of British Columbia, returned this morning to Vancouver, where he is making his headquarters. Mr. Dewar considers the prospects for the new bank very favorable.

Hon. F. L. Carter-Cotton, who spent yesterday in the city on business, returned this morning to Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnson McClair have taken up their residence at "Gatineau Cottage," 646 Bay street.

The Misses K. and M. McKinnon left Saturday for Seattle on a visit to their sister, Mrs. H. N. Turnbull.

FASHION HINTS

Bracelets and Bangles

There is no sign of waning in the demand for bracelets, and jewelers report that on the whole bangle forms are preferred. These may be had from pretty plain affairs to those made with square cut stones set close together and punctuated at intervals with larger jewels in contrasting tints.

Flexible bracelets revive all the old time forms, including the spiral snakes with jeweled eyes that appeal to a few women. Some made of flat squares of wrought gold, hinged ornamenteally, have as a finish a very Japanese dragon's head with jeweled settings. As long as sleeves continue short there will be a demand for bracelets that can be worn pretty generally, which is as good as saying that bracelets are sure to be in style for a considerable time to come.

Carved Tortoise Shell

Carved tortoise shell and amber are the favorite materials for making the combs that are a necessary part of every woman's coiffure equipment, and some of these surpass in attraction the more pretentious combs set with gold and stones, though many of these latter are very desirable additions to the coiffure for semi-formal wear.

ONCE UPON A TIME

My little child comes to my knee And tugging pleads that he may climb Into my lap to her, me tell The Christmas tale beloved so well, A tale my mother told me, Beginning "Once upon a time."

It is a tale of skies that rang With angel rhapsodies sublime; Of that great host, serene and white, The shepherds saw one wintry night— And of the glorious stars that sang An anthem once upon a time.

This story of the sacrifices sublime Tells of who prayed alone and wept While his wearied followers slept— And how His blood and Mary's tears Communion, once upon a time.

And now my darling at my side, And echoes of the distant chime, Bring that sweet story back to me, Of Bethlehem and Calvary, And of the gentle Christ who died For sinners once upon a time.

The mighty deeds that men have told In ponderous tones of fluent rhyme Like misty shadows fade away; But this sweet story bides for aye; And like the stars that sang of old, An anthem once upon a time.

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For E. G. Duncan—A Vancouver Island Football League championship to hang alongside the city title the James Bay A. A. team has annexed.

For Harry Wille—A baseball franchise in the Northwestern League, or any old league that is a league, with the requisite local financial backing.

For Percy Richardson—A Dudleigh cricket team, which can play without the aid of stimulants.

For J. G. Brown—A United Canada Football Association extending from coast to coast.

For Ed. Whyte—A few capable football referees, who will offer their services without having to be sand-bagged into acceptance of the job.

For Bill Jackson—A race meeting at the fair grounds every other week

without the draw-back of an anti-betting resolution from the city council.

For Bob Foster—A championship senior lacrosse team for Victoria and a victory for Tommy Burns, "my boy," over the big smoke Jack Johnson.

For "Giddy" Goward—A closer observance of the Sunday law in its relation to football, particularly with regard to "all-star" teams.

For Billy Moresby—A Rugby team made up entirely of Merediths.

For "Babe" Harris—An infallible system of handicapping the ponies.

For Jack Elthet—A certain golf method of holing out in three on the nineteenth hole.

For Fred Deppe—An onyx clock and a billiard championship instead of a sad memory of what might have been.

For Phil Austin—A James Bay eight for the grand challenge at Henley.

For Chief Watson—A basketball team that can toy with a bull as though it were not a length of hose.

For Jack Hart—A glimpse of the Thorpe trophy outside of the barracks.

For Lieut. Stern—An attendance at the drill hall as good as the basketball played there every Saturday night.

For Mose Doyle—An indoor athletic meet on Paradeburg Day that will eclipse anything of the kind ever held on the coast.

For Harvey Combe—A cup with which to treat his fellow-members of the Oak Bay golf team.

It in the Lachine canal caused the factories along that waterway to close. Eleven cars of ore have been shipped from the McKinley-Darragh mine at Cobalt.

PROFESSIONAL GOLFER IS BEATEN BY COMBE

Victoria Club Secretary Defeats Johnson of Seattle in Match Play

During the visit of the Seattle golf team, which came here on Saturday to compete for the Treat cup, there was a very exciting match between Harvey Combe and Johnson, the professional attached to the Seattle Golf club. Last year Johnson had beaten Moffat, the local professional, both at Seattle and on the Victoria links, so the visiting golfers were very confident that their champion would be victorious. Mr. Combe, however, won the thirty-six-hole match by three up and two to play.

Mr. Combe had the worst of the luck all through, his opponent laying him no less than three stumps in the first eighteen-hole round, which was played in the morning. Still they were even up at the end of the first half of the play. After lunch bad luck for a while still dogged the local golfer, although he got a good drive at each of the first two holes, in both cases he had an unplayable lie for his second shot, with the result that Johnson started the third hole of the second round two up. After that the

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On the Waterfront

GASTOR'S FIGHT WITH ELEMENTS

British Bark Reaches Esquimalt in Crippled Condition for Repairs

STRUGGLES WITH STORMS

Battered Since She Was Driven From Columbia Bar More Than Month Ago

The British bark Castor of Dundee, Captain Vance, which left Valparaiso September 20, for Portion, had what was towed into Esquimalt yesterday in distress with decks and masts sprung, spars and rigging injured, sails blown away, and Alex. McLaren, an able seaman, severely injured by a five-ton tank taking charge and rolling him into the hold. Bound to the Columbia river, the Castor arrived off the bar November 16 with other sailing vessels, two of which were towed in. The pilot schooner which put men on those vessels was signalled by the Castor but did not answer. For 30 days since the bark has been battered about, driving before hurricanes under bare poles, rolling until she seemed as if to roll out her spars in great confused seas, and once on December 12 during a fierce gale which sprung several spars, and tore away the topsails from the bolt hooks, she was almost in collision with the French bark Buffon. Mounted on a great wave standing high above the Castor swinging in the trough, the Buffon drove across the British vessel's bow, less than 300 yards away, where she loomed indistinctly, silhouetted against the clouded sky. Day after day in storm after storm, the Castor was worked backward and forward from the Columbia river bar, once being close on a lee shore off Cape Disappointment—aptly named in the case of the Castor. Each time she got a slant in toward the breaking bar, there was no tugs, no pilot boat, nothing but the surging waves breaking at the bar, and each time she again had to stand to sea. Finally, with canvas ribbomed, spars and deck sprung, and the crew disheartened, the bark stood north driven before the southeastern gales toward Vancouver Island coast, where after standing off for eight days she was worked into the straits on Sunday morning and brought to Esquimalt by the tug Pioneer.

Fifty-four days from Valparaiso the Castor sailed in toward the lightship off the Columbia on the night of November 15, and Second Mate O'Connell hailed the lightship. There was a strong breeze coming on, but the weather was then fine. Two tugs were off the bar in the morning and took in two vessels. The pilot schooner Joseph Pulitzer was almost within hailing distance and the Castor signalled for a pilot, but received no reply. The schooner went in, and when the breeze came up the Castor stood out to sea. Next morning she came again toward the Columbia, the weather being thick and hazy. The British ship Miltonburn was there, so that her name could be read. The pilot schooner had come out to her and the Castor again signalled, but as soon as the pilot was on the Miltonburn the Joseph Pulitzer dropped her flag and stood off toward the river. The Castor was obliged to stand off again, and that afternoon drove before a southeast gale. The wind blew hard, shifting toward night to the southwest and all November 20 the gale continued, the bark rolling in a heavy sea. On the following day she again stood in seeking to make her way across the bar, but again was driven away.

Day after day, sometimes with the faraway blueness of Cape Disappointment faintly seen beyond the dull grey skyline, the vessel was kept in the vicinity of the Columbia river, and then on the night of December 1 came a terrific hurricane, the wind reaching a velocity of 90 miles an hour. The vessel drove away before the storm, seas scudding over her as she rolled from beam to beam. Then, with reports like guns, the topgallant sails were blown from the bolt hooks, leaving ragged fluttering ribbons, which chilled seamen clinging to the swaying yards cut clear at risk. Under bare poles the bark fell away, her spars chafing and threatening momentarily to come down.

After a night of buffeting, morning of December 8 brought a calm more disastrous to the vessel than the storm. There was not a breath of wind, but a heavy confused sea ran high, rolling the bark from side to side, it seemed as though she must roll the spars out. Some of the rigging went, and, at risk, preventive tackle was rigged; then the fore topsail yard broke, the block carried away and the yard sunk into the yard, the main cross stays were sprung, and backstays and main back stays carried away. The stripped poles, with only the tatters of the wrecked sails fluttering, rolled in a great arc, and, amid

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

STEAMER VADSO HAS UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

While Ballast Tanks Were Being Tested Wind Listed Her Against Wharf

The steamer Vadso, recently registered at this port by the Boscowitz Steamship company, which is lying at Spratt's wharf, being made ready to run to Naas, Skidegate, Ikeda bay and northern British Columbia ports, was heeled over in the gale of yesterday afternoon, listed about thirty degrees and laid over on the wharf. It seems that the ballast tanks were being tested, they having been sealed in preparation for the steamer's work, and there was not much water in the deep tank. There was water in the midship trimming tanks and under ordinary circumstances the steamer's equilibrium would have been maintained, but with the heavy squall striking her amidships on the starboard side the vessel went over until she leaned on the wharf, her deck canted to an angle of thirty degrees. The vessel was not under steam and hand pumps were brought and the tanks adjusted, the vessel being righted later in the evening.

Tatoosh, noon—Rain, wind east, 44 miles an hour. No later reports were received, all wires being down.

Tatoosh Island, Dec. 22, 10:40 a.m.—Cloudy, southwest wind, 24 miles an hour. Inward, the steamer Bessie Dollar, 8:15 a.m.; schooner Forester, 10 a.m.; the steamer Sakkarap, 10 a.m.; the schooner F. S. Redfield, 10:15 a.m.; rain and hail, south wind, 20 miles an hour. Bound out, steamer Melville, Dollar, Miner-va; steam schooner Schenckay.

Callum Bay—Anchored: the schooners, Camano, W. F. Jewett, Melrose, in, schooner Forester, towing 1:30 p.m.

Port Crescent—In, a three-masted schooner, 9 a.m.; white steam schooner with orange stack, 9:20 a.m.

Tatoosh, Dec. 23, 8 a.m.—Rain, wind east, 30 miles an hour.

Callum Bay, 8 a.m.—Anchored, schooners, Camano, W. F. Jewett, Melrose.

Tatoosh, 10 a.m. (by wireless)—Rain, wind southeast, 20 miles, barometer 29.78, temperature 42. No shipping.

Camano, 9 a.m.—Moderate east wind, hazy, rain, heavy southwest swell. No shipping.

Cape Beale, 9 a.m.—Light, southerly wind, rain, little sea. No shipping.

Tatoosh, noon—Rain, wind east, 44 miles an hour.

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the swaying in the trough of the seas, with seas sweeping inboard and sweeping along the decks, the watch reported that the 400-gallon reserve water tank lashed in the 'ween decks had broken from its lashings and begun to roll.

Second Mate McConnell, and his watch went to secure the rolling tank which had taken charge as the bark rolled, smashing free the stanchions, and, while attempting to make it fast, Alexander McLaren was knocked into the hold, his forehead being severely cut. As he lay in the hold, the tank, weighing five tons, fell down, striking his outstretched hand and crushing it. Messmates picked up the injured man, while the tank was secured, too late to save the water it held. Thence rainwater was used—and there was no scarcity of it.

The weather cleared next day and some canvas was made on the vessel in the attempt to work her back to Portland. Dec. 10 she again appeared off the bar, but nothing was sighted, and she stood out again. For two days adverse winds kept out and December 12 the Castor was again worked toward the bar, when a hurricane was encountered. The sail was cut away and with a westerly wind the craft ran under bare poles. At 10 p.m. during that gale while the Castor was rolled down in the trough of a great sea, the collision with the French bark Buffon almost took place. The Frenchman was seen above the Castor high on the top of the great waves tacking across the Castor's bow. The lights flickered dim in the haze of the driving gale, and the roar of wind, rattle of rigging and chafing spars made it impossible to hear any half from either vessel, though both were within easy speaking distance. The Castor's crew were all aft, most standing at the break of the poop and the Buffon was seen plainly by them like a phantom ship scudding across the bow.

December 13 the Castor again sighted Cape Disappointment, the land being seen plainly. The bark was within eight miles of Tillamack head which lay to leeward and it was with difficulty that she was worked on shore in the heavy S.S.W. wind then blowing.

She drifted down toward North Head, and the crew had considerable difficulty in wearing her off the land. It seemed for a time as though she would be driven ashore. There was a small steamer standing close in awaiting a chance to dodge in over the bar, but she paid no attention to the Castor, whose sailors were fighting to keep her off shore.

At last she came off to encounter gale after gale, and December 18 a southerly gale drove her toward the Vancouver Island coast. Captain Vance stood well off, being afraid to get on the lee shore, and day after day the bark rolled and battered about, while the underwriters worried over her fate.

At length, December 21, she got a shant and made toward the straits, getting inside of Cape Flattery on Sunday morning, where amid the joyful expressions of her crew, the tug Pioneer put a hawser on board and shortly before midnight on Sunday, the anchor was dropped in Esquimalt harbor.

The ambulance was sent down and the injured seaman who is thought to have lockjaw as a result of his injuries was carried from the cabin bunk on a stretcher to a launch and removed to the marine hospital. After his fall he seemed to recover and was walking about until about a week later when he succumbed and has been in a pitiful state since.

Capt. Vance is awaiting orders. The Castor is chartered to load wheat at Portland for Europe. Chief Officer Gibson and the Second Officer, T. O'Connell joined the vessel at Valparaiso, the former coming from one of the Pacific Steam Navigation company's vessels, and the latter was a survivor vessel, and the latter was a short time before the Castor sailed from the ship Tillie E. Starbuck, which was abandoned in the South Pacific, the crew being taken off by the British ship Cambuskenneth, and taken to Valparaiso.

WRECKAGE IS FOUND.

Flootsam From Steamer San Mateo Reaches Oregon Coast.

Special despatches to the Portland Oregonian from Bay City, Oregon, state that wreckage consisting of a cabin and flootsam, including a life-preserver marked "San Mateo" and "P. L. Co." has been coming ashore for the past few days. Bay City is on Tillamook bay.

While en route to San Francisco from Tacoma last week the San Mateo was in a continuous gale, arriving safely with her deck fittings washed away and some minor damage done.

The steamer President which left here Saturday night for San Francisco reported by wireless at 8:30 p.m. Sunday night from off Cape Foulweather, making a good trip in an easy

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TWO ORIENT LINERS LEAVE PORT TODAY

R. M. S. Empress of Japan and Shin-
ano Maru. Sail for Far East—
Tango Maru Duo

The R. M. S. Empress of Japan is to leave Vancouver at noon today, and will sail this evening for the Orient. She will have a cargo of about 1,800 tons and a large throng of Chinese steerage passengers. As usual on the day prior to the sailing of the white liner the banks were filled with Chinese yesterday buying drafts on Hongkong and Canton, many to pay for goods ordered for the local Chinese stores. The steamer Shinano Maru, which is loading a large cargo at Seattle, will also sail today, and like the C. P. R. liner, will have a full steerage. Many Chinese are going to South China for the New Year festivities, two months hence.

"We were bound to San Francisco and were only 150 miles off that port in a raging northwest gale. We were under the six topsails and foresail and I was putting out my anchors, preparing to enter the port. The best sailor I had was over the cathead putting on a ring lashing when the ship dipped her nose into a terrific sea and washed the man away.

"I tried to save the poor fellow but barely touched him as he went over. I sung out to the captain who threw a life buoy within a yard of the man who failed to seize it. He seemed to go right down, having on his boots and oilskins.

"The ship was at once brought up into the wind and as this was done the foresail and three upper topsails blew away. We got out our port life-boat and of the five apprentices who volunteered to form the rescue crew, we selected three in addition to two able seamen. One boy was sent to the minnow cross trees to keep a lookout.

"The steamer Tango Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaihatsu line, is due tomorrow from the Orient. She has 116 passengers for this port and will discharge 67 tons of general freight here. The steamer Cyclops of the Blue Funnel line is following the Japanese liner and is expected in port on Saturday.

"It was a terrific sea and the boys had a hard pull against it, the apprentices doing all the work, the two sailors showing themselves no good. We got clear of the ship without injury and when 150 yards away we lost sight of her, as frequent half squalls were passing. We cruised about in that awful sea for nearly two hours and never got a glimpse of the missing man. We picked up the life buoy and as it was growing dark and we could do no more, put back to the ship, arriving in safety after a hard pull. The next afternoon we were lying peacefully at anchor, inside the Golden Gate."

"The steamer Cascade, one of the fleet under charter to the marine department, has returned to port after an unsuccessful attempt to build a foundation for a beacon at Lewis rock, off Oak bay, where the steamer Princess Victoria grounded a year ago last month on her way from Vancouver. The work was carried out only at low water during the spells of good weather. Most of the work was done by night. The cement hardly had time to set before the swell swept it away. Another attempt will be made to build the foundation.

"The steamer Maude, also chartered by the marine department, has returned after securing the Sandhead lightship. The lightship, which was formerly the sealing schooner Mermaid, broke adrift from her moorings in a recent gale and Capt. O'Brien sailed her to Steveston. The Maude recovered about sixty fathoms of 160 fathoms of cable lost when the vessel broke adrift.

"The bark Castor will be repaired at Esquimalt, Capt. Campbell, overseer for the owners, G. Gordon & Co., of Glasgow, is expected to arrive this afternoon from Portland to assist in surveying the vessel, of which he was master. The charter of the bark to load wheat at Portland for the United Kingdom or a Continental port expires at the end of this month, the charterers having the option of continuing it at that time. To save the charter it would be necessary to tow the Castor to Portland without any delay, but it is understood that arrangements will be made at once for the necessary repairs. The decks of the vessel, a steel bark built by Ramage & Ferguson at Leith in 1886, are sprung, the masts are sprung, spars and rigging damaged, many sails carried away, and much repair is necessary to make her seaworthy.

"Capt. Vance, of the Castor, who is well known in Victoria, having been here previously with the Castor, which is to sail tomorrow for Liverpool via the Orient, is well known on Puget Sound waters, having run to Victoria long years ago on the old steamer Eliza Anderson, whose name-board may be seen at the E. & N. wharf. Capt. Flynn now lives at Liverpool, when he is at home, with his wife and daughter. His father, Capt. Flynn, a retired shipmaster, has lived in Seattle for a number of years, and Chief Officer Flynn always has a pleasant visit with his parents when he comes to the Sound. He was born at sea, off Cape of Good Hope, and has been at sea most of his life. Mr. Flynn has been here before as mate of the Blue Funnel liner Zeus and was transferred to the Oanfa from the Menelaus, of the same line. Mr. Flynn is known as one of the best officers of the big fleet, and what he doesn't know about seamanship or handling of cargo, isn't in the book.

"The steamer Montana, which took a cargo of grain for Tacoma for San Francisco, has arrived at the Bay City, after having weathered heavy storms all the way. The collier reached Port Victoria long years ago on the old steamer Eliza Anderson, whose name-board may be seen at the E. & N. wharf. Capt. Flynn now lives at Liverpool, when he is at home, with his wife and daughter. His father, Capt. Flynn, a retired shipmaster, has lived in Seattle for a number of years, and Chief Officer Flynn always has a pleasant visit with his parents when he comes to the Sound. He was born at sea, off Cape of Good Hope, and has been at sea most of his life. Mr. Flynn has been here before as mate of the Blue Funnel liner Zeus and was transferred to the Oanfa from the Menelaus, of the same line. Mr. Flynn is known as one of the best officers of the big fleet, and what he doesn't know about seamanship or handling of cargo, isn't in the book.

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MR. LEMIEUX SPEAKS AT TOKIO BANQUET

Discusses Question of Cana-
dian-Japanese Relations
at Some Length

Advices from Yokohama in yesterday's mails from Japan give the text of the speech made by Hon. Mr. Lemieux, and members of the Canadian club at Tokio in his honor and that of Mrs. Lemieux, and members of the Canadian party by Baron Shibusawa, Mayor Ozaki and B. Nakano. Hon. Mr. Lemieux in reply to the toast coupled with his name, spoke as follows:

Monsieur le Baron, Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen—Let me express my deep gratitude to you, Mr. Mayor, and to the citizens of Tokio for your warm and hearty welcome. Far be it from my mind to accept for myself the honor you have been kind enough to bestow upon me. Your desire, I know fully well, is to do honor to my native land, to Canada, which it is my good fortune to represent on this occasion as Special Envoy to Japan.

It is in that spirit that I accept your greetings, and that from the bottom of my heart I return you my most sincere thanks! Much as he admires your picturesque country and the grandeur of its scenery, there is one thing which the traveler who comes to Japan must place above all others, it is the exceedingly great politeness and the unfailing courtesy of your people. As long as I live, I will recollect with pride that since my landing in Yokohama, I have received from the highest and the humblest such hospitality and attention as can never be too highly appreciated. Speaking officially, I again offer on behalf of the Canadian people my warmest thanks to their Imperial Majesties, to the Cabinet Ministers and to the citizens of Tokio.

Prince Fushimi's Visit

Not long ago, we in Canada had the honor of greeting his imperial highness Prince Fushimi. His tour across our country, upon his return from Great Britain, did not fail to impress our people with the rise of modern Japan and the rank she has taken of late years among the great powers of the world. It created, so to speak, a new link, a new bond of friendship between Japan and her ally, Great Britain, our mother country. It also reminded the world that Canada, the most important colony of the British Empire, was the shortest and most available route between the Orient and the Occident, and that from a purely commercial point of view, aside from all Imperial considerations, the two countries had many common interests and mutual obligations.

The Osaka exhibition, where a few years ago, Japan made such a fine display of her industrial potentialities and to the success of which Canada so heartily co-operated, was practically the first step in our commercial intercourse. The treaty to which we have adhered since, was the natural sequence of the desire then expressed of developing closer trade relations between the two countries. Trade, when carried on in a spirit of fairness, tends not only to enhance the value of products which two countries can exchange, and secure legitimate profits of a mere pecuniary character, but it also tends to create friendships which in the higher sense of human brotherhood must benefit both.

We all know, of course, that perfection is unattainable in this world. Therefore, even as between the best of friends there may at times arise some differences of opinion. A little friction may occur but common sense, which is founded on wisdom will eventually show that it is not insuperable. Experience teaches that statesmanship will always solve what at first sight appears to be the most difficult of problems, provided good faith, reasonableness, and mutual confidence are relied upon. One of the greatest of modern diplomats, once said "It's a que des questions insolubles—it's a que des questions mal posées." A policy of conciliation can surely find a convenient compromise which will gradually efface all misunderstandings, thereby rallying all men of good will. Freedom with order and unalterable respect for law, together with indelible respect for the rights of others, is of the very essence of ideal justice.

Canadian-Japanese Relations

That there should exist between Canada and Japan relations of the most friendly nature is quite obvious. Under the guidance of His Majesty the Emperor, Japan has given herself a constitution which in many respects is similar to the British constitution; that everlasting model of human wisdom—upon which the Canadian system of government is based. Japan, with admirable alacrity, has not only adapted herself to our modern standards, but in her amazing rise has been able to reveal to the world the treasures of an ancient civilization which as regards art alone, has yet to be surpassed. Her army and navy have, on more than one occasion, been put to severe tests and achieved the results we know. Her laws have been compiled from the most renowned Digests, whilst the administration of justice has the similar lofty characteristics as the western nations. The universities and schools of the empire would be a credit to any country. Indeed, education seems to be the watchword of the Japanese government. Who has not admired His Majesty's speech on education, read on all holidays?

"Do you, our subjects, be filial to

your parents, kind to your brothers, harmonious in your relations as husbands and wives, and faithful to your friends; let your conduct be courteous and frugal, and love others as yourselves; attend to your studies and practice your respective callings; cultivate your intellectual faculties and train your moral feelings; foster the public wealth and promote the interests of society; ever render strict obedience to the constitution and to all the laws of our empire; display your public spirit and your courage on behalf of our country whenever required"; etc.

Such noble advice given by the Emperor to the youth of this country and inculcated into all children's minds, cannot but be far-reaching in its effects, and one can understand the rise of Japan and still more easily fortell the part she is called upon to play in the twentieth century.

Canada's Century Also.

We also, in Canada, claim this century as ours. Under the aegis of the British Crown, we have in the North American continent, built up a nation which is an extension of Great Britain herself, beyond the seas. Her friends, her allies, are ours. Her foes are also ours.

The task set before us, Canadians, is above all to cultivate the arts of peace, to develop the splendid natural resources of our vast Dominion, to find for our surplus products markets in all parts of the world—now especially that distance has practically been annihilated with the new type of fast steamers plying between one continent and another. Canadians have already firmly grasped the problem of land transportation by the construction of three trans-continental railways, and it is our intention to capture our good share of the Oriental trade. Bear in mind that Canada has certain advantages in respect to the eastern market that are not possessed by any other country. Not the least of these is the more favorable geographical relationship of the Dominion to Japan, than any other part of the Western continent. The following table of distances although well known may not be uninteresting on an occasion like this, when I notice the presence of so many business men. From Vancouver to Yokohama the distance is 4,280 miles; from Seattle to Yokohama it is 4,380, whilst from San Francisco it is 5,530. Thus the difference in mileage across the Pacific ocean is altogether in favor of Canada by large distances. It must also be remembered that the shortest distance from America to Liverpool, by many hundred miles, is also the Canadian route. Such potent factor as is rapid transportation in trade, should not be lost sight of. The keen business sense of Japanese merchants should induce them to favor the shortest and quickest route. I need not dwell upon the special products that Japan can supply our consumers with. But I know what are the unlimited resources of Canada, agricultural, mineral and industrial.

What Canada Can Supply.

To the forty-five million consumers of Japan—not to speak of Korea—Canada can sell in any quantity, oatmeal and oats, lumber and pulp, lead, copper, asbestos, aluminum, leather and hides, butter, cheese, fish, horses, cattle, canned milk, canned fruits, wool, bacon and hams, agricultural implements and machinery of all kinds. But above all, I wish to call your attention to the superior quality of our cereal products, for which the Dominion claims a national reputation. It might be interesting for the distinguished company to know that the extraordinary value possessed by Manitoba wheat is due to the fact that, in the maturing season, western Canada is favored with an average of two hours longer sunshine each day than the wheat-growing area in any other country. It is this peculiar atmospheric condition that establishes the claim, now universally acknowledged, that the Canadian product is the gold standard wheat of the world. With the appreciation of this fact by Japan I would not be surprised if, in the very near future, our cereal trade did not command the markets of the Orient. It is, however, here in Japan—where in ten years the wheat and flour imports have increased more than 800 per cent—that eventually Canadian wheat should find a strong foothold. It is easy to see that the use of bread is becoming more common every year in Japan, and the practical and conclusive demonstration made some years ago of the superiority and relative economy of Canadian hard wheat flour has laid the foundation of what will in a few years become an enormous trade not only in Japan but throughout the far east generally. Some years ago, samples of our hard wheat flour were distributed at the instigation of Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture of Canada, among leading Japanese manufacturers, for the purpose of having tests made alongside of the Oregon, and what is commonly known as the Pacific coast winter wheat flour. What was the result? In every case it was reported that Canadian hard wheat flour proved the best in both quality and yield. That the inferior grade should have obtained the preference in the eastern market need occasion no surprise. Our Canadian product was unknown in Asia until recently, and I presume here, as elsewhere, merchants and traders naturally follow the line of least resistance. But when the people of the east are educated on the question of the relative merits, nutritious and otherwise, of the different classes of flour, they will, I am sure, give our prairie wheat the preference. The permanent establishment and maintenance of Canadian bakeries in Tokio and the several large cities of Japan, would, within a reasonable period, secure a profitable demand for our cereal products in this ever-increasing market. You will pardon me if I have thus taken the liberty of advertising, so to speak, the Canadian flour to Japan. But it seems to me that the possibilities of trade between the two countries are so great that it is my duty, speaking to business men, to dwell upon them.

Growth of Trade

Prior to the year 1895, the export of Canadian products to Japan was so very insignificant that no special mention would be necessary. In the following year, the total export was but \$8,000, but since then there has been a steady increase in all lines of merchandise. The real and wholesale increase did not come, however, until after the year 1903, when as the result of the practical demonstrations made under the supervision of Hon. Mr. Fisher at the Osaka exhibition, \$140,000 worth of Canadian flour was shipped to Japan, with the result that the total export from Canada in that year amounted to the sum of \$342,000. Since 1904, we have worked up to over a half-million, but the new treaty should, in the next five years or even less, double and treble that amount.

In conclusion, I venture to express the hope that the traders of Japan and Canada will not let the golden opportunity pass. We are neighbors across the Pacific and I feel that an increasing commercial interchange between the two people would go far towards teaching them to regard each other with dispassionate criticism and appreciation. It would also strengthen that happy alliance which exists between the two Island Empires; an alliance which was sealed with universal enthusiasm throughout the British dominions, an alliance which marks the beginning of a new era for Japan—a country where, a traveler like myself, whom favoring winds has carried to her shores, has been fortunate to find that the first Englishman who visited her in 1600, old William Adams, so graphically described as "a people good of nature, courteous out of measure and valiant in war."

(Loud applause.)

This address was followed by a speech from Mr. Preston, a Canadian Commissioner, who referred at length to Japan's economic condition.

There were present, Mr. Lemieux, the British Ambassador and Lady Macdonald, Mr. Preston, Mr. Pope, Mr. Verret, Mr. Beger, Count and Countess Hayashi, Baron and Baroness Chinda, Count and Countess Tera Jima, Mr. and Mrs. Nagasaki, Baron Sengen, Mr. Ozaki, Baron and Baroness Shibusawa, Messrs. Ishii, Soveda, Hayakawa, Okura, Nakano and others.

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Mainland News

PROGRESS MADE ON KETTLE RIVER LINE

Company Also Making Preparations for Connection With Spokane

The Spokane & British Columbia railroad will come into Spokane over its own lines. No arrangement has been made with the Graves people or with any other railroad interests for the use of their line into the city, or the use of their terminals.

The above statement was made to the Spokesman Review by W. T. Beck, president of the Spokane & British Columbia railroad, which has secured a right of way from Republic practically to the city limits of Spokane. Mr. Beck lives in Republic, where the headquarters of the railroad are.

He refused to say whether the recent buying on Front avenue is for terminals for his line, but said he has terminal ground in view.

Work on the construction of our line up the North Fork of the Kettle river as far as Lynch creek is just being completed," said Mr. Beck, "but we will not put the line in operation until some legal matters are satisfactorily arranged. For equipment we will use the rolling stock now in service on our line between Republic and Grand Forks. We have several locomotives and passenger and freight cars. We run a train each way between Republic and Grand Forks every day.

It is the intention to build the North Fork branch as far as Franklin camp, which is developing into one of the best mining camps in British Columbia. An extension from Republic to Spokane is tied up pending the settlement with the Great Northern over the right of way down the San Poil river through the Colville Indian reservation.

Mr. Beck declined to name the backers of his railroad further than to say that eastern capital is behind it. He would not say whether the Spokane extension had been financed.

The Spokane & British Columbia railroad, or the Kettle Valley, or "Hot Air Line," as it is variously called, has been operating 40 miles of road between Grand Forks, B. C., and Republic, Wash., for several years. It is proposed to extend the line from Republic down the San Poil river to the Columbia, thence up the Columbia to the mouth of the Spokane, which river is followed into Spokane. This extension will be 145 miles long, which, together with the Republic-Grand Forks line and the North Fork branch, will make a system about 250 miles long, which will be a standard gage steam road.

The company was granted a right of way across the Colville reservation down the San Poil under the general act of congress in 1899, and about a year ago it let the contract for the construction of 15 miles between Republic and the north border of the res-

ervation. About the same time the Great Northern began construction on a similar line, claiming the right of way by reason of a grant made by a special act of congress in 1898. The Spokane & British Columbia line got a temporary injunction against the Great Northern, stopping its work, and the Great Northern in turn got a temporary injunction against the Spokane & British Columbia. The matter was threshed out in the superior court of Ferry county, Judge Carey, making permanent the injunction against the Great Northern, which carried the case to the state supreme court, where it is still in abeyance, having been argued only a few days ago.

MILITARY INSTRUCTION

School for Infantry Training to Be Held in Vancouver During Next Month

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—A school of instruction in infantry training will commence at the drill hall on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1908. The class is open to officers, noncommissioned officers and an unlimited number of men, and will be under the direction of Adj't, Capt. J. H. D. Hulme, Sergt. Major H. Heritage will instruct. The course, which will be several weeks in duration, will be very interesting, embracing a varied list of subjects.

Squad, company and battalion drills, skirmishing, and ceremonial drills, both theoretical and practical. Out-door duty, rifle exercises, interior economy will be taken up, and several lectures on matter of interest to soldiers will be interspersed to provide a little variety. Every man who takes the course will, after the class has been under instruction a short time, be required to drill his comrades in that particular section of training they have been taught so that one by one they will be exercised in the power to command, and imparting their knowledge to others.

At the close of the school an examination will be held, and certificates awarded to those who qualify. It will be compulsory for all noncommissioned officers who have been appointed provisionally to take the course and qualify. Provisionally appointed sergeants or corporals who do not qualify will simply have to give way to those who do, while privates who obtain certificates entitling them to any noncommissioned rank, will be in line for promotion as vacancies may occur in their companies. Under the new efficiency pay regulations, the militia department issues extra efficiency pay to sergeants and corporals, conditionally upon their having certificates for the ranks they hold.

Okanagan Winter Fruit. H. P. Lee brought in last night a large bunch of wild strawberries which he had picked on his ranch, "Interlaken," which lies at the neck of land now separating Wood and Long lakes. This is a practical proof of the excellence of the Okanagan climate which needs no elaboration.—Vernon Okanagan.

CONTRACT COMPANY OBLIGED TO SUSPEND

Builders of Part of V. V. & E. Line Get Attention From the Sheriff

New Westminster, Dec. 23.—The British Columbia General Contract company, which has been building part of the V. V. & E. line between this city and Blaine, has been compelled to suspend operations, all the goods and chattels belonging to it having been seized under a chattel mortgage held by the Canadian Bank of Commerce. On Saturday afternoon, Deputy Sheriff Sewell affixed notices to the doors of all warehouses containing goods belonging to the company at Abbotsford, Cloverdale and other points and also visited the different construction camps, and informed the men that the company would be in the hands of a receiver in the course of a day or so.

The liabilities of the company are said to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000 while assets will be considerably below this. The failure of the company had been expected for several days, but nothing definite was known until Saturday, when the action of the sheriff set all doubts at rest.

That part of the V. V. & E. road lying between Cloverdale and Blaine will be built by the Puget Sound and British Columbia Contracting company, which may also contract to complete the work commenced by the British Columbia Contracting company.

Prospector's Suicide.

Grand Forks, Dec. 23.—Dick Winchester, a prospector at Bannock City, twelve miles from here on the North Fork of Kettle river, has committed suicide by hanging himself in his cabin. His body was found hanging from a rafter by a short rope about his neck, while his toes touched the floor. Coroner Kingston did not consider an inquest necessary. Prior to his taking of his life the dead man had been drinking heavily. His body was first discovered by his old friend John Anderson. This terrible tragedy has cast a gloom over Bannock City and the vicinity, as the dead man had many friends among the prospectors.

MINERS REFUSE

Proposition of Granby Company to Reopen With Lower Wage Scale is Rejected

Phoenix, B.C., Dec. 23.—The news has been made public that on the referendum vote taken Wednesday evening by members of the Phoenix Miners' union and Grand Forks Smeltermen's union the reduced wage scale offered by the Granby Consolidated was turned down by a joint majority of forty-seven votes in the two unions.

Asked for details of the votes of the two unions, which were taken separately, but on the same night, the union officials declined to give out any further figures at this time.

At the meeting of the Phoenix union there were present from 300 to 400 men, and probably more than 600 at the two meetings.

The Granby mines and smelter, the largest copper producer in British Columbia or Canada, have been closed about seven weeks, but the management recently offered to resume operations at both plants on a reduced scale similar to that in force here a year ago, the new basis being \$3.50 per day for miners and \$3 per day for common labor at the mines.

No announcement has been made what the company will do further in the matter.

VANCOUVER ELECTIONS

Keen Contests Expected for All Civic Offices Except the Mayoralty

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—The coming municipal campaign bids fair to be a warm one as far as every office save that of Mayor is concerned. At every point contests are assured, and in some of the wards the friends of the probable aldermanic candidates are already canvassing for their favorites in the expectation of the ward poll being close.

For the vacancies on the school board there will be the largest number of candidates in the field which has been noted in recent years. The Electoral Union placed Messrs. Clubb, Dalton, Flumerfelt and Erskine in the field some time ago. Since that time Trustee McKechnie has reconsidered his declaration that he would not stand for re-election, and will be found in the field on nomination day. It is understood that Trustee Hope, who was elected last fall to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. V. Wilmot, as well as J. D. Breeze and H. C. Mouat will be numbered among those in the running.

For the license commission G. E. Macdonald has given an affirmative answer to a lengthy petition asking him to stand for this position, and it is understood that H. C. Clarke will also enter the race. Commissioner H. A. Edgett is also out for re-election. These candidates will make a close fight in this quarter, Commissioner Wm. Hunt and E. B. Morgan having been placed in the field by the Electoral Union.

For the park commission every member of the present body is in the field save Dr. Underhill, who has declined owing to his numerous other duties. J. B. Mathers and G. J. Dyke will be nominated to fill this gap, and thus a contest in this field is probable.

In the aldermanic field the residents of Ward One who desire a change in the Council representatives, have not yet secured final consent for the use of names, but strong pressure is being brought to bear on J. W. Prescott and another prominent citizen to stand in opposition to Aldermen Hepburn and Ramsey. Ward Two is also in an uncertain position as to a contest against Aldermen Stewart and Campbell, the names of the possible candidates mentioned being H. J. Franklin, C. E. Hope and Dr. Baker. In Ward Three a contest is assured, Ald. Cavanaugh, ex-City Clerk McGulgan, E. S.

Knowlton and Dan McIntosh being already in the field. In Ward Four there will be at least a three-cornered contest. Aldermen McDonald and McSpadden both desiring re-election, while Prof. Odum will also be in the race. A contest is also certain in Ward Five, the present names before the district being Ald. Mills, ex-Ald. Morton and H. H. Stevens. In Ward Six the Electoral Union has already named Ald. Calland and G. Green as its choice, but J. W. Spencer will also be a candidate and it is understood there is a possibility that ex-Ald. McMillan will come out.

Civic Employees Paid. New Westminster, Dec. 23.—The civic employees were all paid this morning. The regular civic pay day is on the 6th of the month, but every Christmas the cheques are handed out a few days earlier.

For Saving Life. Vancouver, Dec. 23.—A gold medal for saving the life of one of the survivors of the *Chesil*, when she was cut down by the *Princess Victoria* in the Narrows, was presented to Captain Jones, keeper of the Brockton Point lighthouse, on Saturday at the office of the collector of customs, in the post office building, with appropriate felicitations on the captain's unhesitating bravery at the time of the collision.

Vancouver's Unemployed.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—The return from the civic labor bureau to Saturday shows that there have been 761 applicants for work and 397 jobs have been found for applicants. There were 43 new applications Saturday morning. The majority of these were local men, who had been holding back, hoping that they would be able to secure work for themselves.

Kelowna Tobacco. The Kelowna Leaf Tobacco Co. are now carrying on the sorting of this year's tobacco crop in the cannery building, which they have leased for the winter from Fraser Bros. & Whitehead. About a dozen Chinamen are employed in separating the leaves into several grades, according to length, and tying them into "hands." We understand it is very probable that a cigar factory will be in operation before long, which will greatly help to solve the question of a market for the leaf.—*Kelowna Courier*.

AUSTRAL IS LOST.

Former Whaler Goes Down Off the Argentine Coast—Crew Saved.

A despatch from Buenos Ayres says the whaling steamer *Austral*, which was recently an Argentine naval transport and prior to that was the *Francisco*, on which the explorer, M. Charcot, in 1903-4 made his southern expedition, has been totally wrecked in a fierce gale on the Uruguayan coast. The *Austral* carried twenty-six persons, including the members of the meteorological observatory for Wandel Islands. All were saved, however, by the messengers maritime steamship *Amazona*.

ALARM FOR VEGA.

Fears Entertained for Coasting Schooner Bound From San Pedro to Frisco.

Alarm is expressed over the absence of reports of the arrival of the Seattle-owned schooner *Vega*, at San Francisco. The schooner sailed from San Pedro for San Francisco twenty-three days ago, and since her departure no news of her has been received. The *Vega* is the property of the Seattle Shipping company and a familiar figure among the fleet of small coasters.

Marine Notes. The British steamer *Huttonwood*, which brought coal to San Francisco and is chartered to load wheat at Portland reached the Royal Roads yesterday and put into Esquimalt for shelter. She is bound to Nanaimo for bunker coal.

The steamer *Princess May* will sail tomorrow night for Skagway.

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You will be interested in our showing of Diamond Rings, Diamond Brooches, Diamond Bracelets, Diamond Locketts, Diamond Scarf Pins, Diamond Links, Etc. The stones are first quality, the gold 14k and 18k and the craftsmanship perfect. The moderate price is made to turn them over quickly.

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To the Electors of the Municipality

of the District of Saanich

Ladies and Gentlemen—

At the request of a number of electors, I have the pleasure of announcing myself as a candidate for reeve at the forthcoming municipal election, and solicit your vote and influence.

Yours respectfully,

A. G. SNELLING.

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CIVIC NOTICE

All persons desiring to employ help of any kind are hereby requested to state their requirements in writing in as few words as possible and address the same to the "Employment Bureau," City Hall.

All persons seeking employment may apply at the "Employment Bureau," at the City Hall, which will be temporarily located in the Committee Room.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,

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Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18th, 1907.

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OBITUARY NOTICES

The funeral of the late Mrs. Louisa McMillan, wife of the late Sheriff J. E. McMillan, took place yesterday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Watkins, 138 Cormorant street. A short service was held at the house when the cortège proceeded to the Metropolitan Methodist church where an impressive service was conducted by Rev. G. K. B. Adams. In his address the minister stated that the late lady was an old time resident of Victoria and had taken an active interest in the work of the church, being one of the founders of the Metropolitan Sunday school. The gathering at the church was a large one and the floral tributes were many. Interment took place at the Ross Bay cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: Noah Shakespeare, R. W. Fawcett, Isaac Walsh, H. Waller, J. B. Burgess and David Spencer.

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An old light house keeper was passing away. For years it had been his duty to keep the lamps in the high tower burning. Now the fire of his own life was burning low, as he slipped out upon the sea of another world. Suddenly he raised himself upon one elbow and asked:

"Is the lamp burning in the tower?"

"You know we must not let it go out tonight. Some one will be watching for it."

"Yes, the lamp is all right."

"Then I can rest."

And the old man passed away.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT IS ALD. FELL'S WISH

Presses Upon City Council the Necessity for Such a Work

Whether there shall be an independent audit of the city's books covering the period from January 1 to December 31, was a question threshed out at length at last night's council meeting. The topic was introduced by the following resolution, introduced to Alderman Fell.

"That a full examination and audit of all monies received and expended by the municipality and the authority for such expenditures, be and is hereby directed, such examination and audit to cover the period from the first of January to the 31st of December, 1907. That such examination and audit extend to and include the accounts of the Tourist association and agricultural association, if possible. That applications for the performance of such work be called for forthwith."

In rising to speak to the resolution, Ald. Fell stated that there had been a number of requests that such an audit should be undertaken. He had on a previous occasion brought in a resolution calling for a semi-annual audit but the council had not seen fit to adopt it. As a new auditor for the city will be soon appointed it was only fair to him that such an independent audit should be undertaken. No such audit had been made in years. Now was the proper time to make it.

Mayor Morley explained that it would cost from \$750 to \$1,000 for such an audit which would take nearly two months, perhaps more, to complete. There are at present no funds available for such work and in addition the city solicitors had advised him that the present council cannot make the cost a charge upon the incoming council.

Ald. Vincent suggested that as a new auditor will have to be appointed by the city to succeed James L. Raynor, who retires from that position at the end of the year, the new appointee could do the work. Or the independent audit could be recommended to the incoming council. He understood that the Agricultural society's accounts had been audited by a competent auditor, and Mayor Morley declared that the accounts of the Tourist association had likewise been audited properly by a competent man.

Ald. Hall thought that an independent audit would be the only fair thing to the present auditor and also to the auditor to be appointed, while Ald. Weston thought the suggestion of an independent audit was more in the nature of a slap in the face to the retiring auditor than a clap on the back to that official, who for nearly sixteen years had been doing the city auditing.

Ald. Fullerton wanted it distinctly understood that there could be no imputation cast upon the work of the officials, but the audit, as suggested by Ald. Fell, should be done as a matter of everyday business.

Ald. Fell declared that the cash of the city had never been counted. An independent audit was purely a matter of business and was followed in every business enterprise. There was absolutely no doubt of the integrity of the city officials, but the fact that he called for an independent audit was no reflection upon anyone. The Tourist association and Agricultural association accounts had no doubt been properly audited, but the question was whether the amounts had been properly and legally spent. Some of the expenditures of the city had been made and then the city had to secure legislative authority to make them.

"It would appear that someone has been busy to block this resolution," declared Ald. Fell.

"Do you refer to me," queried the mayor.

"I do not, but you can wear the cap if it fits," retorted Ald. Fell, who also said he was quite well aware that no expenditure for the work could come out of this year's funds. His motion merely settled the question of an independent audit and called for applications for the position of auditor. When these latter were in it would be next year. He declared that if there was a regular independent audit many of the amounts spent by the city would never have been allowed.

Next year the Y. M. C. A. and the W. C. T. U. would likely be applying to the city for grants and no doubt the city would grant them, but an auditor would not allow it unless the city had authority for it.

Mayor Morley thought the resolution should have first been submitted to the city solicitor. It was, he thought, an empty one.

Ald. Hanna—There have been other empty motions here before this.

Finally, the resolution was put and passed.

General Business

Ald. Henderson's resolution that a bylaw be introduced providing for the re-blocking of Government street, between Courtney street and Johnson street, as a work of local improvement was passed and the bylaw submitted and put through its various stages.

Mayor Morley explained that under the agreement between the city and the telephone company there are to be conduits under Government street, allowing of the putting underground the telephone wires. In order to facilitate this work the city could go ahead and put in the conduits and an agreement arrived at with the company as to the cost.

The following resolutions of Ald.

THE ANT

Facts About One of Nature's Most Industrious Creatures

When spring comes with all its wealth, of opening buds and new flowers, the ant is preparing for a season of profitable industry.

It comes out of its winter quarters and locates a new home where it can store away, during the summer months, the sustenance for the long winter days.

Just as industrious as the ant—but in a different way, are the countless infinitesimal germs which burrow into the scalp and eat away at the roots of the hair.

As they burrow away, dandruff forms, and if the germs are not all killed, baldness results.

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Two sizes 50c and \$1.00. C. H. Bowen and Co., 98 Government street, Special Agents.

Henderson were also put and carried: To authorize the construction, as a work of local improvement, of permanent sidewalks with stone or iron curb, on certain portions of Douglas street, Langley street, Broughton street, Gordon street, Courtney street the necessary monies in anticipation of the assessment thereon.

That the city council hereby determine that it is desirable to construct and lay a permanent sidewalk of cement on the east side of Government street and the Dallas road, also to construct a permanent sidewalk with gutter on the north side of Simcoe street, from Menzies street to Beacon Hill Park, and on the south side of the said street from Menzies street to Government street, to grade and macadamize the said street from Menzies street to Beacon Hill park.

The first reading of the incinerator bylaw which will be rushed through its various stages, so that it can be submitted to the ratepayers at the forthcoming elections, was made. The bylaw calls for the raising of \$54,000 to construct an incinerator at the harbour extremity of Telegraph street, where the city owns a site. This includes the purchase of horses and wagons, the erection of stabling accommodation and other incidental expenses. The amount is repayable in twenty-five years, the annual charge being \$2,160 for interest and a trifle over \$1,000 yearly on the sinking fund. Last year when the incinerator bylaw was under consideration it had been estimated that the plant would cost about \$32,400; the teams and wagons about \$6,000 to \$10,000, and the buildings about \$12,000.

Spring Ridge Car line.

A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric company, wrote as follows regarding the proposed change in the location of the car line on the Spring Ridge system:

Dear Sirs,—In reference to the question that has been up before us in reference to the change in location of track, Spring Ridge. As already pointed out, our company has made arrangements to purchase half an acre of block 54, and our idea is to extend the present track along Caledonia avenue, then across this half acre, making connection with the present track on North Chatham street. After having had the benefit of a consultation with his worship the mayor and some of the members of the council on Saturday last, I understand it is probable the council will raise no objection to the proposed change of location, provided our company is willing that a portion of the half acre, which we intend purchasing, shall be used for a continuation of Caledonia avenue making connection with North Chatham street. Our company is quite agreeable to this.

I would suggest that the necessary steps for the required fill on block 54 be taken up with as little delay as possible, as I quite hope, when the new track is built, to be able to give an improved service on Spring Ridge.

I enclose blue print showing the present track and the proposed new track.

The application of the company will be granted, but the street shown on the plan will have to be made 66 feet in width, as called for by the statute.

Cement Delivery

The city engineer and city purchasing agent, to whom had been referred the claim for cement supplied by Messrs. Rithet & Company, was referred to the finance committee. The report follows:

Gentlemen—Re claim rendered by Messrs. Rithet & Co. for cement delivered on corporation works, but without an official order. We are of opinion that after finding out a shortage in the amount of cement used on Carr street compared with other pieces of work, that Messrs. Rithet are entitled to the sum of \$91.06 for the 384 barrels they claim to have delivered on July 11, as to the 40 barrels said to have been delivered September 29, on South Turner street, we find no counterfoils of receipts, other than relate to the proper official orders which have been paid for, therefore, unless Messrs. Rithet & Co. can produce our foreman's receipt for the amount claimed to have been delivered, we cannot see our way clear to pass same.

Victoria Terminal Suit.

In regard to the pending action of the city against the Victoria Terminal company, the following letter from the city solicitors explains the present status of the case:

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to report that the city barrister has now examined the late vice-president, and now director, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Van Sant, the examination being for discovery in the action. We are engaged in inspecting the accounts and the books, and the pleadings will be closed and the case ready for trial in the new year—probably March.

The company have put in a statement of defence and counterclaim, in which they assert that they complied with the terms of the contract and are entitled to the subsidy. Their contention appears to be that they are at any rate entitled to one year's payment, and this contention is, of course, disputed by the city.

Streets, Bridges and Sewers.

The report of the streets, bridges and sewers committee was adopted as follows:

Your streets, bridges and sewer committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

Re communication from J. Spears, asking for a sewer on Ash street, we recommend he be informed that no sewer will be constructed on Ash street for some months yet.

Re communication from F. J. Bittencourt, asking for a crossing over a ditch in front of his lot on Herewood street, we recommend that he be informed that this matter will be attended to at once.

Re communication from G. J. T. Bissell, claiming that he cannot connect his new house with St. Andrews street sewer on account of grade, we recommend that he be informed that the city engineer will examine the premises and give the grade of the sewer, but as the houses on both sides of Mr. Bissell's house are connected, we think it is possible for his house to be connected, also, and much preferred to this to be done.

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S. The continuance in use and improvement of the present sources of water supply will require structures appertaining to the lakes and the pipe line and pumps necessary to deliver the water to the city distributing system costing in the aggregate \$90,000.

9. Millstream is capable of producing a safe average daily supply during years of exceptionally light rainfall, like the season of 1905-6, of five million gallons.

10. The cost of improving Millstream and conducting its water (sufficient to meet a demand averaging five million gallons daily, to a connection with the city pipe system at the intersection of Government and Henry streets is estimated, inclusive of \$100,000 for real estate at \$924,500.

11. Sooke lake is capable of yielding, during the driest years, a daily supply of 23,000,000 gallons.

12. The cost of improving Sooke lake and conducting water sufficient to meet a demand averaging 5,000,000 gallons daily, with a connection with the city pipe system at the intersection of Government and Henry streets, inclusive of \$100,000 for real estate and water rights at the lake, is estimated \$1,100,000.

13. Goldstream is capable of affording a safe supply per diem of 13,300,000 gallons.

14. The estimated cost of conducting water from Goldstream in sufficient amounts to meet a demand averaging 5,000,000 gallons daily to a connection with the city pipe distributing system at intersection of Government and Henry streets, exclusive of any price that may be paid the Esquimalt Water company.

15. The summarized estimated cost of improving the distributing system and utilizing any one of the four different sources of supply suggested, is as follows:

(a) Elk lake, all services metered, \$529,000—\$90,000—\$619,000.

(b) Mill stream, unmetered, \$473,000—\$924,500—\$1,397,500.

(c) Sooke lake, unmetered, \$473,000—\$1,100,000—\$1,573,000.

(d) Gold stream, unmetered, \$473,000—\$1,100,000, and the purchase price of Esquimalt Water company's property.

16. To meet operating expense and fixed charges in event of the construction of any one of the before mentioned systems, the following increase in annual revenues will be necessary:

(a) Elk lake, 4 per cent.

(b) Millstream, 43 per cent.

(c) Sooke lake, 67 per cent.

(d) Goldstream, without including purchase price of either water or property of Esquimalt water company, 15 per cent.

17. The annual saving which will result from the continued use of Elk lake as the source of supply, in preference to the other suggested sources, will return the cost of improving the lake, pipe line, and pumping station, and pay the cost of completing the metering of the system in the following lengths of time:

(a) As contrasted with Millstream, 4.7 years.

(b) As contrasted with Sooke lake, 2.9 years.

(c) As contrasted with Goldstream, including nothing in payment for water or property of Esquimalt water company.

18. The property of the Esquimalt water company is worth the amounts stated in my former report, without modification other than for acquisitions and additions made since the date of that appraisal.

Recommendations

My recommendations, save in some matters of detail, are identical with those embodied in my former report (May 15, 1905) and are as follows:

1. The metering of all services and the sale of water hereafter exclusively by that method.

2. The continued use of the present source of water supply.

3. The improving of Elk lake and the main pipe line, and Dairy Farm Pumping station, as follows:

(a) By raising the surface of the lake at the point of outflow, three and one-half feet and diverting it by a system of ditches, additional drainage from the west.

(b) By increasing the size of the present 16-inch pipe line to Dairy Farm pumping station by the methods indicated in my report of May 15, 1905 (p. 47).

(c) By erecting at the Dairy Farm pumping station a new horizontal, cross-compound condensing crank and fly wheel pumping engine having a capacity of four millions imperial gallons in twenty-four hours, against a pressure of 185 feet.

All of said improvements requiring an expenditure of about (vide pp. 3-4) \$90,000.

4. The improvement of the distribution system by the addition of the following structures:

(a) A distributing reservoir on Smith's hill.

(b) An elevated tank at or near the center of the high service district, (i.e., new high service pumping equipment on the site now vacant).

(c) Furnishing and laying the following pipe with requisite gates and fittings: 3,000 ft. 27 in. steel riveted; 4,000 ft. 24 in. steel riveted; 3,000 ft. 24 in. steel riveted; 32,750 ft. 12 in. cast iron riveted; 17,550 ft. 8 in. cast iron riveted; 41,250 ft. 6 in. cast iron riveted; 100,000 ft. 4 in. cast iron riveted.

(d) Taking up and relaying the following: 2,500 ft. 11 in. 10 in. 9 in. 8 in. 7 in. cast iron pipe; 20,000 ft. 4 in. cast iron pipe.

(e) Furnishing and placing 3,750 meters.

All of said improvements to the distribution system, (vide p. 3) requiring an expenditure of \$529,000.

5. The acquisition at some future time of the entire property of the Esquimalt water company on Goldstream when it can be secured at a reasonable price, the same to be reserved for use as a water supply for the future; in the interim after acquisition, the property to be made as nearly self-sustaining as possible through the power which it is capable of generating.

If this property cannot be secured at a reasonable price, such rights on either Sooke lake or Millstream should as advantageous opportunity offers, be acquired as will enable the city to control and improve them when it becomes necessary.

(Sgd.) ARTHUR L. ADAMS.

December 18, 1907.

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The London Times of recent date had an interesting article and editorial on the banking and grain situation in Canada. In its cable despatch it reviewed the wheat conditions. In its editorial comment it thus considers the general situation, comparing Canada with the United States. The Times says:

"A telegram from our Ottawa correspondent has supplied us with a picture of the working of the banking system of Canada in a time of difficulty which is evidently satisfactory. We have no wish to call attention to the superiority of the Canadian system to that of the great nation which divides the continent of North America with the Dominion. The bad banking arrangements of the United States are as much their misfortune as their fault, for, as we recently observed, the National Bank system was the child of civil war not of peaceful co-operation. Canada, however, has been having troubles of her own. Our Canadian brothers are not much behind their American neighbors in adventurous action in the sphere of industry and commerce, but they have been under the wholesome restraint which a sound banking system ought to impose on the overweening energy of the inhabitants of every new and fertile country. The speculative fever which has been so conspicuous in the United States during the last few years had its counterpart in Canada; there has been an enormous extension of agriculture, mining, building and railway making, and some of those concerned in the schemes which have been started have committed themselves financially more than was prudent, but they have not, as a body, been allowed to go beyond the line of safety. Great was the complaint last summer in the western portion of the Dominion at the alleged parsimony of the Canadian banks, but those institutions knew what they were about; and especially they refused to give further facilities for land and building speculation, which might have developed to a very dangerous extent if permitted. At the same time they have taken care that all legitimate requirements have been satisfied. Our correspondent told us yesterday that the Canadian Government has been anxious lately as to the condition of the grain harvest in the West, so much so that it has proposed to the banks to aid them in financing the crop in certain districts. The banks have declined the proffered assistance, on the ground that the conditions stipulated

by the Government for such assistance might be injurious to the credit of the banks. We have no doubt that their decision was wise."

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By F. W. Stevenson,
Chicago, Dec. 23, 1907.

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Wheat No. 2	105 3	105 3	104 3	105 1
May	98 12	98 12	97 12	97 12
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May	56 12	57	56 12	56 12
Oats No. 2	52 14	52 18	51 12	52
July	45	45	45	45

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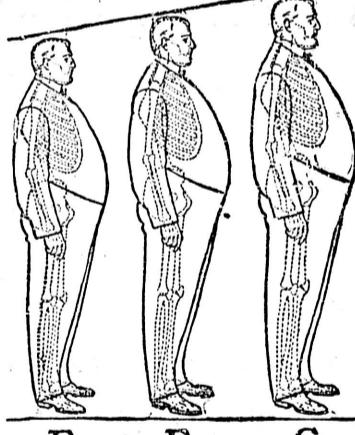
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CALDWELL—On the 23rd inst., at No. 160 Yates St., Edward Caldwell, aged 37 years, and a native of Ireland.

The funeral will take place on Saturday at 2 p.m., from the Anna Chapel, Yates street. Funeral private; no flowers.

MILLAN—On the 20th inst., at the family residence, Cormorant street, James McMillan, aged 81 years, a native of Cornwall, England.

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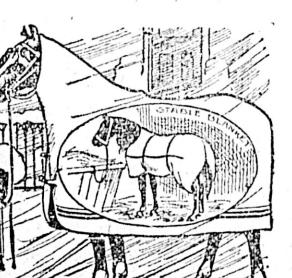
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CIVIC NOTICE

CITY OF VICTORIA.

MUNICIPAL CLAUSES ACT.
Section 59.

WHEREAS, upon an enquiry being held of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria on Monday, the 16th day of December, 1907, upon the complaint of the City Engineer for the said Corporation into the state and condition of a certain unfenced excavation upon lands situated and being and known as lots "E" and "F" block 57, and part block 58, Spring Ridge street, situated within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria. Upon hearing the evidence in support of the complaint of the City Engineer, and upon proof of service of notice of this enquiry having been given and of a notice calling upon the owners, lessees and occupiers to abate the nuisance complained of, and upon proof being given by the said City Engineer as to ownership, and no one appearing for the owners, the Council found the said complaint to be duly proved, and that the said excavation or hole, in and upon the land and premises being contiguous to the highway, namely Gladstone street, constitutes a danger to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is desirable that the same should be forthwith abated.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that the said hole or excavation now existing upon the above-mentioned land, situated within the municipal limits of the city of Victoria is, in its present state, dangerous to the public safety and a nuisance, and it is ordered that the same, the owner of said blocks 55 and 56, do within five days of the service or first advertisement of this order well and sufficiently fence and protect the said excavation so as to abate the said nuisance.

And in case of default of compliance with this order by and on the part of the said owner, it is hereby directed that the City Engineer do enter in and upon the said lands and well and sufficiently fence the said hole or excavation and abate the said nuisance at the cost of the owner of the said lands and that unless such cost be forthwith paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation on demand made by him therefor, the payment thereof shall be enforced under the provisions of the above act together with all incidental expenses. A. J. MORLEY.
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And in case of default of compliance with this order by and on the part of the said owner respectively, it is hereby directed that the City Engineer do enter in and upon the said lands and well and sufficiently fence the said hole or excavation and abate the said nuisance at the cost of the owner of the said lands, and that unless such cost be forthwith paid to the Treasurer of the Corporation on demand made by him therefor, the payment thereof shall be enforced under the provisions of the above act together with all incidental expenses. A. J. MORLEY.
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BOAT CLUB WANTS SITE AT OAK BAY

Petition is Presented to Council of Municipality Asking For Concessions

The Oak Bay Boat club, a sporting and social organization in process of formation, tendered a largely signed petition to the Oak Bay municipal council at its regular meeting last evening for permission to make use of a part of Turkey point at Oak Bay as a site for a club house. The council after a short discussion on the subject referred the matter to the roads and bridges committee for further consideration.

The Petition.

The petition, which was signed by 49 ratepayers of the district, was as follows:

To the Reeve and Councillors of the Municipality of Oak Bay.

Sirs.—We the undersigned residents and ratepayers of Oak Bay, beg to petition you as follows:

1. That you will grant permission to a club to be known as the "Oak Bay Boat Club," to remove the boat house owned by Mr. Virtue, to a point inside Turkey head.

2. To have the use of a piece of land as a site for said boat house, floating landing, and runway, and free access to the same over municipal lands.

3. To allow club property to be free from taxation.

The objects of the club are as follows:

(a) To provide much needed conveniences for the public and residents of Oak Bay, in addition to providing similar conveniences for club members.

(b) To provide a club house with accommodation for the storing of boats, canoes, etc.

(c) To provide a floating landing for the convenience of club members, and for the public under club regulations.

(d) To supply boats for hire by members or the public.

(e) To provide a runway for the convenient handling of boats, to and from the water and the boat house.

(f) To put down moorings for the convenience of members and the public.

(g) To provide a caretaker at a regular salary, to look after the property of the club, and of its members, also to care for boats left at the club premises.

(h) To raise a revenue for the purpose of conducting the club by charging membership fees, and also by means of charging fees for the storing and taking care of boats, canoes, yachts, launches and for the rental of boats to the members and the public.

If you see fit to grant the above concessions, the boat club will guarantee to improve the building and keep it in good repair, and to keep the grounds neat and clean, so that the club premises will be an attraction and not a detriment to the municipality.

We beg to call your attention to the following facts. That Oak Bay affords excellent opportunities for boating, fishing, duck shooting in season, and being protected from the prevailing southwest winds, its waters are calm when the sea off the entrance to Victoria is too rough to afford pleasure to the average lover of boating.

That the great drawback to enjoying these pleasures has been a want of boats for hire, and for those who own their own boats the want of a proper place to keep them, and also a good landing place available at all stages of the tide.

The boat club is being formed to overcome these difficulties, and will be an added inducement to residents to make their homes permanently at Oak Bay, and an added attraction to visitors staying in the municipality.

Further Explanation

The subject was a new one to most of the council, and Councillor Newton undertook to enlighten the members further on the objects of the club which he stated would fill a long-felt want.

Mr. Newton stated that he had noticed for a long time there was a great desire among the residents of the municipality for conveniences for boating and as some one person must take on action he felt that he could do so, being one who really did not need the advantages and could take it up for the common good of the municipality, as he had his own boat house and all the conveniences the club could give. Last Thursday the few who were interested had a meeting with Mr. Newton in the chair, and formed a plan in which the club could be operated in an economical manner and would be of general advantage to the public as well as to the club members. At the meeting it was decided that it would be necessary to get forty members to guarantee the monthly dues and to subscribe for debentures for \$600, sufficient to cover the capital expenditure. Mr. Newton and G. Llewellyn Wood were appointed a committee to get the necessary subscriptions and the fact that in three days canvassing they had secured a membership of forty-four and disposed of debentures to the extent of \$850 showed that it was a matter of vital interest to the residents of the municipality. Several of those who have become members have stated that they will not be likely to use the club privileges but subscribed for the general good.

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Referred to Committee

The proposition as advanced by Councillor Newton provoked lengthy debate. Councillor Henderson suggested that the club be asked to pay a rental for the site. Mr. Newton moved that the co.-club should grant the permission subject to any restrictions the council should feel inclined to make. Councillor Noble thought that the council should take time to consider the petition, and moved that the petition be referred to committee. Councillor Sutherland also spoke in opposition to immediate action, while Councillor Henderson seconded Councillor Noble's motion. Reeve Oliver said that it would be unwise for the council to deal with the application hastily. The property secured was for a public purpose and he wanted to ascertain whether the club house would fulfill a public duty. He said that a similar application was pending from parties who desired to erect swimming baths on the beach there. The petition was accordingly sent

along to committee, Councillor Newton voting in favor of this.

Other Business Before Meeting

It was decided to have the polling booth for the coming elections situated at Mr. Richards' store at the corner of Monterey avenue and Oak Bay avenue. The voter lists will be printed and posted conspicuously for the benefit of the ratepayers.

Councillor Henderson gave notice of motion that steps be taken to purchase the land at the Old Men's Home on Cadboro Bay road, for which negotiations had been entered into with the city.

The bylaw to raise \$1,250 to purchase the right of way for the extension of Hampshire road to Cranmore road has been given its first and second readings and will come up at the next regular meeting. It will be submitted to the ratepayers at the January elections.

A letter was read from Frederick Pauline asking that the road known as the Old Todd road leading to his property be put into condition. The letter went to the roads and bridges committee.

Councillor Sutherland propounded an inquiry as to why the sewer on Foul Bay road being laid by the city was not extended beyond Byron street. He claimed that a nuisance for which the city was responsible was created. The roads and bridges committee will investigate.

Councillor Noble complained that water from a culvert on Monterey avenue from Central Avenue to Shore road ran out through Mr. Bradley's place to the detriment of the latter, and moved that the engineer be asked for a report on the cost of diverting the water to the sea. The motion carried.

The council will visit the new municipal road on Oak Bay avenue next Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock to look it over preparatory to deciding where the new buildings will be located. There was some difference of opinion as to when the trip should be made. Councillor Henderson suggested Thursday morning. Councillors Fernie and Rattenbury were the only members of the council present.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

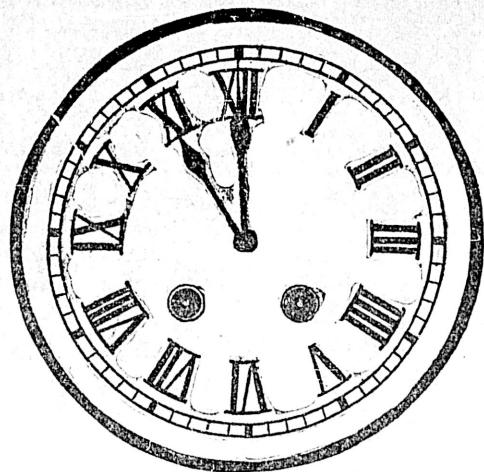
Primrose Minstrels.

A fair sized audience attended the performance last evening of the Primrose minstrels. Minstrel performances will always prove popular and the present company embodying as it does all the traditions of the past with many of the new departures in this department of stage enterprise merited the very hearty applause which punctuated its efforts. A number of pleasing features characterized the performance, which proved quite new to Victorians, and when the vehicle was old, the lines were often new and provoked the deepest laugh.

The entertainment was clean, clear-cut and all that was to be desired. The staging was excellent.

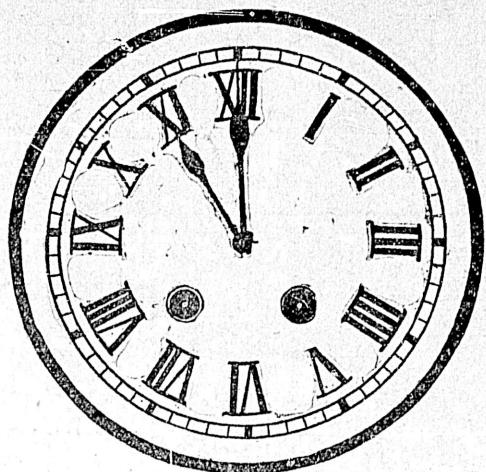
"The Lion and the Mouse"

Charles Klein has made the statement that he considers his best work "The Daughters of Men." It is a fortunate thing for the



At the Eleventh Hour

Our Very Last Word to You



We extend to everybody our most sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas. As 1907 nears its end we feel that we should properly extend our appreciation of the co-operation and encouragement which has been afforded us this year, even more than ever before, by all the good friends whom we have been able to serve. The kindly feeling which so pleasantly exists is not only PLEASING—it is USEFUL, as it encourages us to

use every effort in our power to make this a still more convenient and helpful store each day of its business life and today we have arranged a list of gifts in tabulated form. All gifts suitable for men are placed by themselves; if you wish a gift for a child you will find a memory-jogging list which we have, all ready to be examined, and it would be well to check off what you wish and retain this page, or part of it, in your shopping bag and bring it with you as a ready reference. You will find it a wonderful help.

For Grandmother

Salad Bowl, at	\$.50 to \$6.75
A Warm Shawl, at . . . . .	.75 to 7.50
A Good Waist, at	1.00 to 5.00
A Good Coat, at	9.75 to 75.00
Bible or Prayer Book, at . . . . .	.45 to 5.00
A Nice Umbrella, at . . . . .	.50 to 15.00
Chocolate Set, at	3.35 to 11.50
A Pair of Slippers, at . . . . .	.50 to 5.00
Handkerchiefs, at . . . . .	.15 to 1.50
Warm lined Gloves, at	1.25 to 1.50
A Nice Apron, at . . . . .	.20 to 1.25
A Nice Handbag, at	1.00 to 25.00
A Knitted Wool Jersey, at	2.50 to 4.50
A Flannelette Gown, at	1.25 to 2.50
A Pair of Nice Boots, at	2.00 to 7.00
Chafing Dish, at	1.25 to 10.50
A Bottle Perfume, at . . . . .	.25 to 5.50
Soap, at, per box . . . . .	.25 to 3.00
Silver Thimble, at . . . . .	.25 to 1.00
Needle Case, at . . . . .	.25 to 1.00
Jet Black Comb, at . . . . .	.75 to 1.75
Hand Purse, at . . . . .	.75 to 4.00
A Nice Lace Collar, at . . . . .	.50 to 20.00
Parlor Lamp, at	1.75 to 4.75

For Grandfather

Mufflers, at	\$.25 to \$2.50
Lounging Robes, at	5.50 to 17.00
House Jackets, at	6.50 to 14.50
Shirts, at	1.00 to 1.75
A Pair of Military Brushes ..	3.75 to 4.50
A Razor Strop, at . . . . .	.35 to 1.25
An Umbrella, at	1.00 to 12.50
Comb and Brush, at	1.50 to 5.00
A Nice Tie, at . . . . .	.25 to 1.75
A Pair of Slippers, at . . . . .	.50 to 2.00
A Nice Hat, at	1.00 to 7.00
Pocket Knife, at . . . . .	.50 to 1.75
Pair Boots, at	2.50 to 7.00
Overcoat, at	10.00 to 30.00
A Good Hat, at	2.50 to 5.00
Suit of Clothes, at	7.50 to 30.00
Separate Pair of Trousers, at ..	1.00 to 7.50
Pair of Gloves, at	1.00 to 2.50
Pair of Socks, at . . . . .	.25 to 2.25
Suit of Warm Underwear, at ..	1.50 to 9.00
Pair of Suspenders, at . . . . .	.25 to 1.50
Moustache Cups, at . . . . .	.25 to .75
Ash Trays, at . . . . .	.10 to .50

For Father

Smoking Jacket, at	\$6.50 to \$9.50
Neckties, at . . . . .	.25 to 1.75
Dent's Gloves, at	1.00 to 2.50
Fountain Pen, at	1.50 to 6.00
A Nice Sweater, at . . . . .	.75 to 3.50
Real Leather Suit Case, at ..	8.50 to 25.00
Furnished Case or Bag, at . . .	25.00 to 42.50
Silk Handkerchiefs, at . . . . .	.50 to 1.50
A Pair Armlets, at . . . . .	.10 to .50
A Pair Suspenders, at . . . . .	.75 to 1.50
Hosiery, at . . . . .	.50 to 2.25
Books, at . . . . .	.50 to 2.50
Dressing Case, at	10.50 to 12.50
Pocket Book, at . . . . .	.50 to 4.50
Fine Flannel Shirt, at	2.00 to 3.75
Fancy Tin Box, at . . . . .	.15
Suit of Wool Underwear, at ..	2.00 to 7.00
Nice Hand Bag, at	2.50 to 15.00
Neck Tie Pins, at . . . . .	.50 to 1.50
A Dozen Fine Handkerchiefs, at	.75 to 9.00
Razor, at	1.50 to 1.75
Razor Strop, at . . . . .	.35 to 1.25
Cuff Links, at . . . . .	.35 to 2.25
Boston Garters, at . . . . .	.50

For Wife or Mother

A Nice Rug, at	\$1.25 to \$19.50
A Pair Lace Curtains, at	2.50 to 40.00
A Carpet Sweeper, at	2.65 to 7.00
A Nice Sideboard Scarf, at . . .	1.00 to 2.50
A Table Cloth, at . . . . .	.50 to 9.50
A Set Table Napkins, at per doz.	1.75 to 6.00
Roger Bros' 1847 Knives, doz.	6.00
Silk Petticoat, at	3.75 to 30.00
A Nice Silk Kimono, at	2.25 to 35.00
China Chocolate Set, at	3.35 to 11.50
Roger Bros' 1847 Forks, table, doz.	7.00
Writing Desk, at	7.00 to 65.00
Nice Sofa, at	9.00 to 60.00
China Cabinet, at	17.00 to 45.00
A Good Coat, at	9.75 to 75.00
A Couple of Pairs of Hose, at ..	.15 to 5.00
Any piece of Nice China, from ..	.10
A Carving Set, from	1.50 to 12.50
Sideboard, at	16.00 to 100.00
Dining Table, at	9.00 to 50.00
Wool Fascinators, at . . . . .	.75 to 1.75
Box Stationery at . . . . .	.50 to 4.50
Tea Sets, at	2.75 to 12.50

For The Baby

A Nice Coat, at	\$1.50 to \$6.50
Pair Booties, at . . . . .	.30 to .45
A Rattle, at . . . . .	.05 to .25
Jack-in-the-Box, at . . . . .	.10 to .25
Teddy Bear, at . . . . .	.25
Aluminium Go-Cart, at	10.50 to 20.00
Rag Picture Book, at . . . . .	.15 to 1.00
Carriage Rug, at	1.75 to 7.50
A Pair Mittens, at . . . . .	.20 to .45
Baby Wool Jacket, at . . . .	.85 to 1.50
Pair Overall Drawers, at . . . .	.50 to 1.25
A Nice Cashmere Dress, at ..	1.25 to 4.50
A Nice Bib, from .. . . . .	.05 to 1.25
Picture Books, at . . . . .	.05 to 1.25
Baby Set, (knife, fork & spoon)	.50 to .75
Baby Set (enamel cup, saucer, and plate), at . . . . .	.35
Slippers, at . . . . .	.25 to .50
Boots, at . . . . .	.75 to 1.25
Rolling Chimes, at . . . . .	.25 to 1.25
A Nice Doll, at . . . . .	.05 to .25
Dolly Kitchen Sets, at . . . . .	.05 to .05
Toy Dogs, at . . . . .	.15 to .75
Musical Toy, at . . . . .	.15 to .25

For The Boy

A Nice Reefer, at	1.75 to 3.75
A Good Piece Suit, at	2.50 to 9.50
A Pair Pants, at . . . . .	.50 to 1.50
A Good Overcoat, at	4.50 to 8.75
A Good 3-Piece Suit, at	4.50 to 10.00
A Nice Cap, at . . . . .	.25 to .50
Knitted Wool Sweaters, at . . .	.75 to 1.75
Pair of Strong Suspenders, at ..	.10 to .25
Pair of Good Shoes, at	2.00 to 4.50
A Good Shirt, at . . . . .	.50 to 1.00
A Nice Tie, at . . . . .	.25 to .75
Pair of Good Hose, at . . . . .	.15 to 1.00
Horse and Cart, at	1.50 to 25.00
Velocipede, at	4.50 to 8.50
Auto Cart, at	11.95 to 9.75
Rocking Horse, at	12.50 to 25.00
Humming Top, at . . . . .	.10 to .75
Mechanical Toys, at . . . . .	.25 to 25.00
Horses, at, up . . . . .	.10 to .50
Pair Warm Mitts, at . . . . .	.10 to .15
A Good Suit of Underwear, at ..	.50 to 1.00

For Elder Sister

Silk Blouses, at	\$5.00 to \$25.00
White Skirt, at	2.50 to 15.00
Pair of Corsets, at	1.00 to 12.50
Night Gowns, at	1.25 to 10.00
Costume, at	18.75 to 50.00
Moire Underskirt, at	2.75 to 8.75
Walking Skirt, at	5.00 to 12.50
Pair Hose, at . . . . .	.25 to 5.00
Tray and Ring Holder, at . . . .	.25 to 2.75
Pin Cushion, at . . . . .	.50 to 3.00
Emb. Cushion Cover, at	4.00 to 7.50
Pair Dent's Gloves, at	1.00 to 1.50
Blouse Length, at, a yard ..	.35 to .65
Nice Leather Belt, at . . . . .	.65 to 1.50
Work Boxes, from .. . . . .	.25 to 1.00
Fancy Blouse Pin, at . . . . .	.25 to 1.00
Fancy Hat Pin, from .. . . . .	.10 to 1.50
Fancy Collar Pins, at . . . . .	.15 to .25
Hair Barrettes, at, each . . . .	.50 to 3.75
Music Roll, at	1.25 to 7.50
Dressing Cases, at	7.50 to 12.00
Pk. Sachet Pow	